



# District School Board of Pasco County Bright Futures Service Hours

## Florida Academic Scholars Award, Florida Medallion Award, Gold Seal Vocational Award, Gold Seal Cape Scholars Award

*To access an award through the Bright Futures Program, a student must complete a program of service work, consistent with School Board policy, which will require the student to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.*

*(House Bill 793)*

### What are the expectations for Service hours?

- An altruistic, uncompensated volunteer effort that benefits the community and/or special populations
- Assistance that does not address a social issue
- These hours are **not** recorded on the transcript and do not count toward Bright Futures Scholarships
- Students can keep a log of these activities for use when applying for college, job applications, awards and scholarships **other** than Bright Futures
- Students may turn these hours into their school volunteer coordinator for school or individual recognition

### How do I ensure that my service hours will be accepted?

- Students complete a Service Proposal Form and submit it for approval to the Service Designee at the school site **prior to beginning** the service.
- Students should keep copies of **all** documentation that is submitted to the schools.
- Projects done during the summer before beginning 9th grade will be considered **if a proposal is submitted and approved by the high school the student plans to attend.**
- Students must perform the service during **non-school** hours.
- **All service hour documentation MUST be submitted by the school's graduation date. Any service hours submitted after the graduation date even if earned prior to graduation will not be accepted. No Exceptions.**

### Hours not acceptable for Service hours:

- Family related activities or service to family members, defined as: parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and spouses, including all step relations.
- Hours that are compensated either financially or with some other material benefit (including grades).
- Court mandated community service.
- Service for the sole benefit of a religious house of worship and/or its congregation. Activities sponsored by these organizations that benefit the community (mission trips, community cleanup events, vacation Bible School) **are** acceptable for Bright Futures.
- Co-curricular activities that are course requirements.
- An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.
- Donations (ex. blood, Locks of Love, monetary contributions)
- Hours submitted after graduation.