

Dallas Christian School

A Quick Guide to Qualification of Community Service Hours

What Qualifies?

There are a wide variety of opportunities available for students who want to volunteer for community service projects. Good examples of community service are: helping out at a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, hospital, volunteering your time to help out in a retirement or nursing home, building houses for Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at the local Salvation Army or Red Cross, cleaning up roadside areas, participating in Walks/Runs to benefit non-profit organizations like cancer research, etc.

Students can also check out opportunities to help out at animal shelters, hospitals, public libraries, historic sites or local senior citizen centers. Some cities have volunteer coordinators. You may have to get on a city's website to contact the different departments to find out about service opportunities. The Volunteer Center of North Texas is also good resource for ongoing opportunities for service.

Does Not Qualify

1. Work without adult supervision.
2. Work for yourself.
3. Family service.
4. Working for your neighbor or friend (for example, babysitting or taking someone to school, etc. in your car)
5. Working for pay. Volunteers work for free.