



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE FAQs

### **What do you mean by direct service?**

Students are in direct contact with the people served by a 501(c)3 organization. Examples of direct service include tutoring, visiting the elderly, serving food to those in need, and coaching or mentoring children. Activities that do not meet the criteria for service credit include fundraisers, collections (food or other items), advocacy, and making items from home and then delivering them to an organization.

### **Can I earn service credit from home?**

All service hours must be direct. Activities not meeting these criteria include fundraisers, collections, advocacy, making/preparing items from home, and delivering them to an organization.

### **Can I volunteer at my old school?**

In most cases, yes. All Catholic and public schools are eligible, and so are most private schools-- double-check that any school not listed in the approved organization list is a non-profit. Many daycares and pre-schools are privately owned businesses; those hours don't qualify for credit. You may earn service credit for various opportunities, including tutoring, coaching, and assisting a teacher.

### **Do crab feeds (or other fundraising dinners/events) count for service credit?**

No, this type of activity is not direct service. Direct service activities allow students to interact with the service recipients or the physical environment the 501(c)3 nonprofit has targeted for improvement.

### **What types of jobs can I do at my church (or place of worship) to earn service credit?**

Help lead faith formation courses/programs or youth groups, liturgical ministry, or meal services to those in need.

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**Can I get paid while doing my service hours?**

No, you must volunteer at a nonprofit organization for service credit, where you receive no other form of compensation.

**Can I earn service credit working at a small business or for someone?**

No, students must complete their service hours at a non-profit organization.

**Can I “double-dip” if I’m doing credit that qualifies at SFHS?**

Yes, students volunteering through another organization that meets our criteria can also earn credit for SFHS. Examples include Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the National Charity League (NCL).

**Why is my service log still marked as “pending”?**

Service logs are cleared weekly. If a service entry is pending for over two weeks, contact the Campus Minister for Christian Service for more information.

**What happens if I miss a service deadline?**

Students who do not meet the Christian Service benchmark on time may lose the ability to participate in athletics, dance and theater productions, or attend school dances until they meet the requirement.