

HONORS COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE FACTS

Purpose

The Honors College endeavors to provide for its students an enriched educational and social experience that leads to lifelong learning and personal growth as well as professional success. To that end, the program encourages participation in community service activities, thus promoting the development of service, one of the three attributes most desired in outstanding Honors students (scholarship, leadership, and service). Typically, the volunteer events/projects give students the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills and gain experience in social and civic involvement.

Why Honors Students Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a means to impact the community in a positive and meaningful way. Community service allows students to work with people from different backgrounds and majors while enabling them to gain valuable life experience, skills, and hands-on learning. Also, it helps students give back to society, explore personal issues, and even have fun!

What activities count as Community Service?

Community Service is any volunteer activity that benefits a non-profit agency, civic organization, or local community where the student/volunteer will not receive monetary payment for the service.

Consider your Community Service Commitments

Before you commit to an activity, ask yourself these questions:

- ◆ How much time do I have to commit?
- ◆ What would I most like to learn?
- ◆ Do I want an ongoing assignment or a short-term assignment?

Community Service Requirements

The Honors College requires ten hours of community service each semester in order to merit advance registration. Students may participate in service projects either on or off campus, or in their home communities. Beginning Honors students are allowed to register early in their first semester. They must complete ten hours of community service during their first semester in order to qualify for early registration again during their second semester. In this way they are given a pass for the first semester.

Verification Procedure

The Community Service Verification Form is available in the Honors College office and under Course Documents on the Honors Blackboard. Complete the required information, obtain the project supervisor signature, and return to the Honors College office by the end of the semester in order to participate in early registration the following semester.

How to Contact Organizations

The best way to go about contacting a representative for Community Service is obviously through the provided contact information. Most times you will be provided with a phone number and an email. If you contact through phone, be prepared to state your name, what times you are available, and the reason why you are doing community service. In an email, you should provide the same information: your name, when you're available, and why you are doing this service. Make sure you are friendly!

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ www.volunteer.gov/gov
- ◆ 21st Century Community Learning Center – Scott Johnson Elementary – Amber Young (936) 661-9492 (ayoung@huntsville-isd.org)
- ◆ Academic Support Programs (Tutoring) - Bernice Strauss (936) 294-4455 (STRAUSS@shsu.edu)
- ◆ Boys and Girls Club Walker County – Sharonda Evans (936) 291-6054 (sevans@bgcwc.org)
- ◆ Communities in Schools – Tiffany Brown (936) 293 -2782 (tiffany.brown@ciset.org)
- ◆ Gibbs Pre Kindergarten – Marcia Townsend (936) 293-2827 (mtounsend@huntsville-isd.org)
- ◆ Good Shepherd Mission – (936) 291-8156
- ◆ Huntsville Elementary – Koren Nicks (936) 293-2888 (knicks@huntsville-isd.org)
- ◆ Huntsville Family YMCA – (936)295-8009 www.ymcahouston.org/huntsville
- ◆ Huntsville Public Library – Kimberly Francisco (936) 291-5481 (kfrancisco@huntsvilletx.gov)
- ◆ Huntsville Walker County Pet Organization – Linda Summers (936) 435-0800 (hwcpo@att.net)
- ◆ International Programs - Office (936) 294-4737 (OIP@shsu.edu)
- ◆ Mance Park Middle School – Brenda Oates (936) 293-2755 (boates@huntsville-isd.org)
- ◆ Montgomery County Food Bank – (936) 539-6686 www.MontgomeryCountyFoodBank.com
- ◆ Multicultural and International Student Services: http://www.shsu.edu/~miss_sa/v2/volunteer.html
- ◆ Pregnancy Care Center of Southeast Texas – (936) 294-0404 www.pcctexas.org
- ◆ Rita B. Huff Humane Society – (936)295-4666 www.ritabhuffanimalshelter.org
- ◆ SAAFE House – www.saafehouse.org (936) 291-3529 volunteers@saafehouse.org
- ◆ Sam Houston National Forest – Rochelle Allen (936) 344-6205 ext. 6228 (rochelleallen@fs.fed.us)
- ◆ Samuel W. Houston Elementary – Judy Phillips (936) 439-1200 (jphilliops@huntsville-isd.org)
- ◆ SHSU Alcohol & Drug Abuse Initiative - Dr. Rosanne Keathley (936) 294-1171 (hpe_rsk@shsu.edu)
- ◆ SHSU Visitor Center - Susie Houston (936) 294-1063 (shouston@shsu.edu)
- ◆ Tomorrow's Promise Montessori School – Nichollete Newby (936)435-0303 tomorrowspromise.info
- ◆ Veterans Museum of Texas HEARTS – (936)295-5959 info@heartsmuseum.com

**Students are invited to seek out other student organizations for community service.
You are also welcome to find community service in other communities!**