

Community Service Volunteer Work Guidelines and Ideas

- The Wa-Hi Career Center has a list of volunteer opportunities and contact information. You can visit the Career Center to find out how you can get involved in the community.
- The Walla Walla United Way “Youth United” website has more information regarding volunteer opportunities in Walla Walla and verification of community service volunteer hours is available, too. <http://getconnected.unitedwayww.org/volunteer/agency/needs/>
- You can organize and participate in volunteer work with a group of friends.
- You are expected to complete 40 hours of community volunteer work hours over the course of your high school career, beginning in your freshman year in high school. We recommend that you complete a minimum of 10 hours per year until the required 40 hours have been completed.
- You may choose one or more community volunteer activities to complete this requirement. Helping non-profit organizations is encouraged.
- You are encouraged to continue to log the volunteer hours beyond the required 40 hours. As you apply for colleges, scholarships and work, this experience will be beneficial and maybe required.
- Community Service Volunteer Work must be voluntary, non-paid or non-court ordered activities.
- You should not receive compensation for your efforts; *compensation* means any type of pay, credit, or favor from the person or organization that you are helping. For an example, picking up litter around Walla Walla High School can be a community service project. However, picking up litter to serve assigned detention does not qualify as community service project.
- Helping *family, including family chores*, **does not** qualify for as Community Service Volunteer Work. (*Family* is considered anyone that is related to you by blood or marriage).
- You can include the volunteer work from as early as the summer prior to starting your 9th grade year.
- Many Walla Walla High School clubs are involved in community volunteer projects. If you are a member of the following clubs, you will have opportunities to participate in various volunteer projects: Key Club, Boy’s Federation, Art Club, Latino Club, French Club, National Honor Society, and if you are unsure please make contact with Mr. McHie, ASB Advisor.
- Many Walla Walla community non-profit organizations provide opportunities for community service volunteer work, including: Children’s Museum, Humane Society, Salvation Army, Fort Walla Walla, Walla Walla Public Schools, WHAMMY (mental illness), Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tri-State Steelheaders, Red Cross, St. Vincent DePaul, Some church activities, City of Walla Walla (Parks and Recreation plus other departments), Little League Baseball & Softball/Soccer/Pop Warner junior football, Goodwill, Whitman Mission, Birthright, YMCA, YWCA, and many more. Please visit the Wa-Hi Career Center for more opportunities or visit the Walla Walla United Way “Youth United” website <http://getconnected.unitedwayww.org/volunteer/agency/needs/>