

Community Service

College Admission is competitive and colleges consider what students do in their spare time to help determine acceptance into college. Colleges are most impressed with students who do community related service such as volunteering in an elderly home after school or participating in activities for non-profit organizations during the weekend. In addition, a majority of scholarships consider high involvement in the community a most important factor in deciding award winners. Volunteering also develops character and maturity. In addition to the course requirements needed for the **Arts Endorsed** Diploma, it is school policy that the graduates of Frank Sinatra School of the Arts have performed service to their community as part of their educational development. *Students are strongly encouraged to do as many hours of community service as possible in their art form.*

Guidelines:

1. Working for an individual does not earn you credit. You must work for an organization.
2. Just because you work for free, does not mean it is community service. If you work for a business, doctor, etc., you are not really performing community service. To be sure your hours will count, work for NON-PROFIT organizations. Places like the YMCA or senior citizen homes are ideal.
3. Community service may not be performed during your regular school hours.
4. There must be an adult, over age 21, who will supervise your community service and verify your hours in writing. All community service must be approved by the College Office before you begin. Undocumented and/or unapproved community service will not receive credit.
5. Proper documentation of all community service completed is a signed letter by the supervisor on the organizations/agencies letterhead. It must state the duties and responsibilities of your position and the total number of hours completed. All documentation is to be given is to the College Office.

Community Service Requirements

Freshman: 10 hours

Sophomores: 15 hours

Juniors: 20 hours

Seniors: 15 hours

Total for graduation: 60 hours