STUDENT VOLUNTEER!

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DISTRICT 6

Representing Hollywood, Hallandale Beach and Pembroke Pines

From the Desk of
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Broward County students – You must earn volunteer service hours in order to graduate. Broward County Government offers many opportunities to obtain volunteer service hours while helping our community. Inside this booklet, you will find ways to volunteer with the County – from Parks to Libraries, to our Airport and more.

Prior to seeking a location to accomplish your volunteer service hours, you MUST obtain a Student Volunteer Service Application and Approval Form, or forms from your school's Volunteer Service Program Coordinator. You may also use the form in the back of this booklet and follow the instructions for completion. BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FORM BEFORE YOU SEEK A LOCATION TO PERFORM YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS, WHETHER IN BROWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR ELSEWHERE. If you require further assistance or have any questions, call 954-357-7790

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Libraries:

Broward County Libraries has many exciting ways to volunteer – including right at your local branch. Our libraries always need passionate young people to help with daily operations and community outreach. At your nearest library you can:

- Stock shelves, locate books – especially in the Youth Services section.
- Be a Program Assistant – Assist children with arts and crafts.
- Participate in "Reading Buddies" – Assist students who are developing their reading skills.
- Assist in one day events like the amazing ArtLit Book Fest, First Friday and South Florida Book Festival.
- Lend a hand to a librarian by assisting in daily routine library tasks:

Our libraries offer so many great ways to help our community and have fun while earning service hours. Most volunteer shifts are between two and four hours long and schedules are flexible. If you are interested in volunteering, email libraryvolunteers@broward.org or call 954-357-7444.

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Volunteers are priceless!

Animal Care:

Are you a dog person or a cat person? At Broward County Animal Care and Adoption, we have room for both! You can earn service hours by fostering a dog or cat. Make some new friends at Animal Care and earn hours just for taking care of a furry friend.

- With staff supervision you may earn up to 35 hours of volunteer service time by fostering for two weeks.
- Volunteer at a shelter for numerous duties or participate in an animal off-site event.
- Participating in this type of service can be a great time for you while helping some loving pets in need.

There are many other ways to volunteer with Broward County Animal Care. Find out more at animalcarevolunteer@broward.org or call 954-359-1313.

Public Works:

Want to get hands-on with the services that make everything from brushing your teeth to driving down the street possible? Volunteer with Broward County Public Works and find out more about how we keep things running, like:

- You may volunteer to "ride along" to make road repairs.
- Be part of a tour to visit a wastewater treatment plant and learn how it works.
- Attend and assist in community meetings concerning vehicular traffic problems and how they may be solved.
- Spend a day with civil engineers and get hands-on experience from folks who are expert in their STEM fields.

This is your chance to learn from the experts in these STEM fields and get hands-on with some really exciting activities. If you would like to learn more, contact 954-357-6410.

Citizen Scientist:

You can achieve volunteer service hours and at the same time protect your future and the future of Broward County by leading the fight against climate change. Broward County needs your assistance in the following areas:

- Measure King Tide water levels
- Take photos of flooding and seawalls in your community
- Assist in conducting experiments at environmental events

If you are interested in becoming a Citizen Scientist, please email resilience@broward.org, or call 954-519-1450.

Small Business:

Do you want to get an early start in business? Now you can learn about the business world and develop your skills by volunteering in a fast-paced environment with Broward County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development. Besides giving you volunteer service hours, this will also introduce you to the area of small business and help develop skills necessary for future entry into this area of the business world.

- Volunteer for major signature events, like the Broward Business and Beyond Conference, or the Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo, which brings leaders from many countries to Broward to discuss economic opportunities.

This is your chance to learn about business from the top professionals and leaders across many industries. If you want to learn more, call 954-357-6400 for more information.

Parks:

Do you love going to the park? Broward County Parks and Recreation Division has many exciting ways to get involved with fun outdoor activities in and around nature. Get experience and make a difference at one of our many parks or nature centers. The VIP Program, short for "Volunteers Improving Parks" provides excellent opportunities for individuals, neighborhood organizations and businesses to get involved in maintaining and improving parks, landscaped areas, greenways, and recreational facilities. Park staff are always available to offer training, supervision and any other resources necessary for individuals and groups willing to contribute. Here's what's possible:

- Assist Park Staff with supervised non travel sports and other athletic activities.
- Perform various duties in Nature Centers.
- Assist in the instruction of gymnastics.
- Assist with park tours.
- Assist in setting up bike and nature trails.
- Help in park and waterway and beach cleanups.

There is an opportunity in our Parks for whatever adventure you are seeking. What are you waiting for? Call 954-357-5280 or email jpipoly@broward.org to learn more.

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Aviation:

Your community service experience can fly high with Broward County Aviation. Broward's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is the fastest growing large hub airport in the country – and they can always use help from students like you to make this experience better for all people visiting our area.

- Serve as part of the "Airport Ambassador Program" (must be 16 years of age or older). Perform various duties necessary to assist airport employees in their daily tasks.
- Assist in staffing of Information Booths and answer questions about airport services available to travelers and give direction assistance.
- Volunteering at FLL may present career style training for future employment.

For information, call the Airport Volunteer Coordinator at 954-359-2589 or email VolunteerFLL@broward.org.

Emergency

Volunteer opportunities abound in Broward County, and at no time is the need for volunteers greater than during a recovery from a hurricane or other emergency. These efforts are coordinated through **Emergency Support Function #15** (ESF15), Volunteers and Donated Goods, one of many mechanisms in place that organizes and provides assistance to the Broward Emergency Response Team (BERT) during times of disaster. ESF15 coordinates and facilitates the most effective and efficient use of affiliated and spontaneous volunteers, monetary donations, and goods during all phases of disaster management. Broward County Emergency Management Division encourages residents who are interested in becoming a volunteer in the aftermath of a storm or other emergency, to contact one of these County emergency response partners by calling 954-722-6400.

SKYWARN is a nationwide volunteer network of weatherspotters who report observations of significant weather and resulting damage from severe weather events to the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service then sends alerts to the public through television, radio, marine and weather radios, public safety agencies and other information sources. Since the National Weather Service instituted the SKYWARN program, there has been a significant decrease in deaths due to tornadoes and other severe weather. SKYWARN offers free training classes to interested volunteers, who include amateur radio operators, Red Cross volunteers, firefighters, students and others who want to serve. For more information, email **n4hhp@comcast.net**.

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STUDENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FORM

PART A

To be completed by student volunteer - PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Student Number:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____ Grade Level: _____ Transportation:_____

Student Pledge: I agree to fulfill the duties and time commitments as listed in the agency job description including training sessions and to provide adequate notice if I am unable to meet my commitments. I also agree to adhere to the roles and procedures of the agency at which I am volunteering.

Student Signature: _____ Date:_____

PART B

To be completed by agency volunteer coordinator/director or individual supervising the project - PLEASE PRINT

Name of Agency "Company 501.c3number": _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Operating Hours:_____ Contact Person: _____ Title/position: _____

Days and hours scheduled for the student Volunteer: _____

Brief description of the job(s) to be performed by the student: _____

___ _____

Certificate of Insurance on file: _____ Contact Person Signature: _____ Date:_____

PART C

To be completed by parent/guardian - PLEASE PRINT

I give permission for _____ to serve as a volunteer for the agency/project indicated above on the stated days and for the stated hours.

I understand that he/she will be making a valuable and needed contribution to our community. I also understand that he/she will not receive monetary compensation for his/her services.

We have accident insurance with _____ (name of insurance company) which will cover my son/daughter/ward in the event of injury of while engaging in this activity. I will assume responsibility for expenses incurred as the result of any injury my son/daughter might suffer while participating in this activity. If any change occurs in the policy, it is my responsibility to notify the school's principal or Student Volunteer Service Program coordinator.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

PART D

To be completed by Student Volunteer Service Program Coordinator - PLEASE PRINT

For hours to be awarded in an attempt to meet the Service Learning Graduation Requirement or to earn a Silver Cord the Application and Approval Form must be completed and submitted to the school's Student Volunteer Service Program Coordinator. It is best if this is done prior to starting the activity described in Part B.

Student Volunteer Service Program Coordinator Signature: _____

Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____

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