

## Tri-State Christian Academy

### Volunteer Hour Graduation Requirements (as of 9/25/24)

In order to be eligible for graduation, students must. . .

- (1) Volunteer a total of AT LEAST 60 hours at a non-profit organization
- (2) Have a community service form filled out and signed by the location's manager/ supervisor for TCA Administration to review. One form per location must be filled out. One form is included on page 3. Additional forms can be obtained upon request.
- (3) Write an essay outlining their experience. This must include. . .
  - A summary of service, how their work benefited the community, and what they learned through the experience
  - At least 3 paragraphs

Students are eligible to count volunteer time toward their 60 hours starting the summer before their 9th grade school year.

Any student who achieves 135 hrs of community service will receive a silver cord as a part of their graduation regalia.

### Suggested Local Volunteer Opportunities

- TCA
- The Salvation Army
- The Weirton Christian Center
- Animal Shelter
- Tutoring (At TCA or another approved location)
- Teacher's aide (At TCA or another approved school)
- Church events (Participation in church worship services as part of the worship, sound, parking, preaching, kid's church, etc. DO NOT COUNT. Church volunteer opportunities must be outside of regular church services.)

Other opportunities not listed must be pre-approved by school administration. A list of requirements for potential locations can be found on page 2.

**Please note!** - Household chores, helping out family members (moving, yardwork, babysitting, etc), helping your neighbor/ friend, etc. DOES NOT COUNT toward your community service hours. Only opportunities where you are partnered with an approved non-profit will count.

Hours volunteered at a non-profit organization will count toward community service hours if they are involving any of the following. . .

- 1) Environmental preservation, enhancement, or remediation
- 2) Promotion of well-being for children, the elderly, the disabled, or low-income individuals
- 3) Educational development - Ex. literacy training, adult basic education courses, instruction in job search/ application skills, tutoring, teacher's aide
- 4) Improvement on public lands or facilities
- 5) Projects or activities which improve public health, safety, and/or welfare
- 6) School events

Contact Mr. Freeman with any questions.

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## TCA Community Service Form

Thank you for working with our student and allowing them the opportunity to serve their community.

Please fill out this form and sign at the bottom.

Student's Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) - \_\_\_\_\_

Hours served - \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all jobs/projects that our student did during their time volunteering.

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(Printed) Name and title of supervisor\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor signature\_\_\_\_\_