

Student Volunteer Opportunities

Students require 20 community service hours as a graduation requirement. Bright Futures Scholarships require 75 or 100 hours depending on the scholarship level.

For more information visit: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN>



Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition has ongoing activities! See <https://pbcbehc.org> for info.

Feeding South Florida: <https://feedingsouthflorida.org/volunteer/> Many opportunities throughout the month, and Saturdays. Must register and complete Minor Waiver Form. Students under 16 must have a parent/guardian with them. Register and then sign up online for available shifts.

Blessing Blankets Made with Love: - <https://blessingblankets.net> Create “no sew” fleece blanket for dogs being adopted. Materials provided. If you don’t have experience there’s plenty of YouTube videos search “no sew fleece blankets”. The blanket material can be pre-cut so you just tie them or the material can be left whole so you could make the entire blanket. Contact Ms Downes at djdow@msn.com to arrange to pick up materials and for more details. See photos on facebook and instagram: blessingblanketsmadewithlove.

Boca Helping Hands: <https://bocahelpinghands.org/volunteer-information>

Must be 16 to volunteer without parent/guardian present. Has need of volunteers 8a-1p weekdays and Saturday mornings. Saturdays are scheduled 2 weeks in advance with limited availability. Students should complete the application online and someone will call when the Saturday is open. For summer volunteering or for students who may have free weekday mornings, please note this on application so you can be scheduled appropriately.

Tri-County Humane Society: <https://tricountyanimalrescue.com/volunteer>

Currently not taking student volunteers but can donate items on their list for hours. See website for info.

Faulk Center for Counseling - My Generation: A Discussion Group for Older Adults & Teens provides an opportunity for senior citizens and high school students to come together to share experiences on a variety of topics. Currently, senior participation is full. However, the group has **openings for new teen participants**. Teens receive community service hours. For teens to learn more about how to get involved in My Generation call 561-483-5300. The group meets Mondays from 5-6pm.

Good Karma Pet Rescue: this one is kind of vague. There is another application for ages 18 and over but this one is a general application. It seems like volunteer hours may be able to be used for fostering a pet. Again, I would look into it further as a family.

<https://gkarma.wufoo.com/forms/good-karma-pet-rescue-volunteer-application/>

Students Speak Up for Kids - <https://www.studentspeakupforkidspbc.org/top-of-sneak-peek>

Students supporting kids in the foster care system with project based initiatives. You can do this individually or as a club or group of friends. Create your own project or click on Students Impact for ideas. Check out the Learn On Portal on the high school page for more info on the foster care system. ALL of these actions can earn service hours and have a significant impact for the community!

Miracle League of Palm Beach County: www.mlabc.com The Miracle League is a baseball league for children with disabilities and special needs. Games are played at Miller Field in Delray Beach. There are two 7 week seasons per year and we are always looking for new buddies to volunteer. Spring season opens on April 10 - register to volunteer on our website now! Volunteers under 16 need a parent (or club/group adult) present.

Volunteermatch.com Volunteer clearinghouse - click and sort through various opportunities. Some local ones recently found: Sandoway Nature Center, Delray, Schoolhouse Museum, Boynton Beach.

Everglades Angels Dog Rescue: <https://evergladesangelsdogrescue.org> Must be 18 to volunteer with the dogs, but students can volunteer at their Treasures 4 Tails thrift store, please call 1-800-511-DOGS, ext. 6. The following are requirements: 1) At least 14 years of age 2) Volunteer at least one 4 hour shift each week.

Letters of Love: Write letters to Seniors at Assisted Living Facilities. Year- round project. Every 4 letters = 1 hour of service. We have a drop box in Guidance. Contact Ms. Lauren Schneider for more information at lauren.schneider@palmbeachbeachschools.org

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach: write letters to military to be included in care packages sent by organization Emailed, waiting on answer back

Palm Beach County: Several opportunities within different depts, although many are limited due to the pandemic. Keep this page in mind for the future as things open up. Students and parents will need to check out the site to decide what will be best. We found virtual volunteering through the county libraries, environmental, had some beach/park clean ups, zoning office work.
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/Pages/Volunteer.aspx>

Palm Beach County Parks and Rec volunteer activities - mostly beach and park clean ups.
<https://tinyurl.com/ceey94b2>

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center: closed now but when they are open again age 16 and up, commit to a 4 hour shift for a minimum of 6 months. There's a \$35 fee to cover a Tshirt, badge and training material. Email for more information: rgermany@myboca.us

Big Dog Ranch Rescue: <https://www.bdr.org/volunteer-registration-form>
Must be 16 to volunteer independently, ages 10-15 with an adult. Prefer volunteers who can commit to a schedule - 3 month commitment. Various jobs on the campus - see the volunteer form for details.

The Legacy Closet: <https://thelegacycloset.org/index.html> 6000 W Atlantic Blvd Margate 33063 - 954-470-1118 - Has large clothing and household item distribution first Saturday of the month. Need help to help set up. May have other volunteer needs. Call to set up volunteer.

DoSomething.org: <https://www.dosomething.org/us> Lots of volunteer projects to choose - many can earn certificates for community service and scholarship opportunities.

Kindness Angels: A group that coordinates various food collections and donations to support the Homeless and hungry. Announcements and details are posted to their Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Kindness-Angels-100670992048264/?ref=page_internal

Our **Compete 2 Give** Chapter was founded here at WBHS by Dylan Schneider '23. It is a club that centers on giving back to the community. Generally, we volunteer our time in a sports environment, with organizations such as Love Serving Autism, Florence Fuller Aftercare Basketball program etc... but we also coordinate and participate in many programs at the Wayne Barton Center and volunteer our time where our community needs us! With the pandemic we have been virtual but still meeting monthly and planning ways to give back! Most recently we have participated in the Make a Wish Foundation holiday letter writing campaign, Letters of Love, St. Jude Valentines Day Project, some of us are helping with the Brain Bowl and we are making Blessing Blankets Made with Love. Contact sponsor Ms Schneider at lauren.schneider@palmbeachschools.org

WBHS Kindness Matters Club is part of a huge World Wide Organization. We are a community service-based club where we have been meeting virtually every month. Each month our board members meet an additional time to plan and coordinate different projects that can be done safely where we can demonstrate to our community how much we care. We have been doing a virtual beach clean up- where members go on their own and submit pictures of themselves hard at work doing a good deed while remaining socially distant and conscientious. follow us on IG- [wbhskindnessmatters365](https://www.instagram.com/wbhskindnessmatters365)
Contact sponsor Ms Schneider at: lauren.schneider@palmbeachschools.org

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