

# Bright Futures Scholarship Volunteer Service Work Plan



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships are based on specific academic requirements and volunteer service work hours earned in grades 9-12. The volunteer service work hours are as follows:

- Florida Academic Scholars Award – 100 hours
- Florida Medallion Scholars Award – 75 hours
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award – 30 hours
- Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars Award – 30 hours

**Students must submit their Plan and have the Plan approved prior to beginning volunteer service work hours.** The Volunteer Service Work Log will be given to the student once the Plan has been approved. If at any time the volunteer service work changes, a new Plan MUST be submitted for review. The completed Volunteer Service Work Log must match the Plan.

Current seniors who would like to be considered for any of the Florida Bright Futures award levels at the seventh semester eligibility review should submit the Volunteer Service Work Log no later than the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Seniors who complete their volunteer service work hours during the eighth semester must submit the Volunteer Service Work Log **prior to graduation** to be considered for the Florida Bright Futures award in the reevaluation conducted following graduation.

**Section 1 - Identify a social issue, a civic issue or a professional area of interest:** See your School Counselor to discuss options for volunteer service work.

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**Section 2 – Name of agency (or agencies) where volunteer service work is to be performed:**

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**Section 3 – Type(s) of volunteer service work to be performed:**

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**Section 4 – Method of self-evaluation of service work experience:** The intent of this section is to encourage students to reflect upon the service work experience itself. Students consider the difference they have made in their community and/or the life-long learning skills of planning, organization, collaboration and leadership they have acquired.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Journal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal response essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |

**Signatures - Student and Parent Signatures below indicate that student and parent understand that:**

- Student may only earn service work hours after the Volunteer Service Work Plan has been filled out and approved.
- Student may only earn service work hours in Grades 9-12 (summer before 9<sup>th</sup> grade is acceptable after student has been promoted).
- Transportation to and from outside agencies and/or organizations is the responsibility of the family.
- I understand that volunteer service work hours may not be earned through:
  - Court mandated community service
  - An activity for which a student benefited financially or materially for the volunteer service worked
  - Family related activities or service to family members (ex. babysitting, completing assigned chores, etc.)
  - Religious activity which can be interpreted as proselytizing (definition: to advocate, promote or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another). This does not include religious education or service.
  - Donations, such as Locks of Love or giving blood
  - Service work that earns the student academic credit (except for credit earned through an approved service-learning course).
  - An activity where there is no responsible adult or supervisor on site to evaluate and confirm student performance.

**Student's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Principal or designee signature below indicates that the student has presented an appropriate Volunteer Service Work Plan for meeting the volunteer service work requirement of the Bright Futures Scholarship Program and this Plan has been APPROVED.

**Principal's (or Designee) Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_