

## How Can I Do My Hours?

Driving to and from an agency is NOT counted for service-learning hours.

	Earns Service Hours	Does Not Earn Service Hours
Definition	<b>Nonprofit</b> Agencies are established to help others, not to make money. They have proof of this status with a <b>501c(3) document</b> . <i>(If you are not sure, ask the agency if they are a nonprofit!)</i>	<b>For Profit</b> Businesses/ agencies are in business to make money. <i>(If you are not sure, ask the agency if they are a nonprofit!)</i>
Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Food kitchen for homeless/ hungry</li> <li>▪ Teaching arts/ crafts</li> <li>▪ Promoting literacy</li> <li>▪ Academic/ Language tutoring for an agency</li> <li>▪ Health (approved hospitals only)</li> <li>▪ Sports coaching</li> <li>▪ Building shelters</li> <li>▪ Programs assisting the elderly</li> <li>▪ Community safety/ Community outreach/ Violence prevention</li> <li>▪ Collection and distribution of food, clothing and other essentials for those in need</li> <li>▪ Emergency/ Disaster Preparedness projects</li> </ul> <p>Orientations/trainings/presentations that prepare you to do service, count towards your hours when the 'service' component is completed. <i>(15 hours of training can count if you perform 15 service hours. The total will then be 30 hours)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruitment/ membership building</li> <li>▪ Activities at <b>For Profit</b> agencies. (*An exception to this would be if a company sponsors an event to help others. <i>(i.e., WINK News sponsors a Walk-A-Thon where all proceeds go to help feed the needy.)</i>)</li> <li>▪ Orientations/trainings/presentations – with <b>no</b> service completed, do not count</li> <li>▪ No proselytizing of religion</li> <li>▪ Hospitals that are "for profit"</li> <li>▪ Donating money, toys, hair, blood, etc. or purchasing items for any agencies.</li> </ul>
Childcare Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shelters/Free clinics/YMCA/Boys &amp; Girls Clubs</li> <li>▪ Public Education facilities (Head Start, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Tutoring or mentoring at public or private schools <i>(academic subjects)</i></li> <li>▪ Pre-approved special projects where free services are offered to a population in need</li> <li>▪ Recreation and supervision of children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Babysitting for family, friends, or neighbors</li> <li>▪ Babysitting, coaching, mentoring, tutoring at <b>For Profit</b> agencies. <i>(The family pays for the student to attend.) This could be a daycare, preschool, tutorial group, sports camp, etc.)</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Leading &amp; coaching at organized nonprofit/ volunteer programs</li> </ul>	
School Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Club sponsored service projects to help others</li> <li>▪ Meetings specifically preparing for service activities or approved fundraising</li> <li>▪ Community outreach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Activities that benefit only you</li> <li>▪ Activities that benefit only the club</li> <li>▪ Regular club meetings</li> <li>▪ Fundraising for the club treasury, uniforms, field trips, etc.</li> <li>▪ Recruitment/ membership building</li> <li>▪ Helping with club meetings</li> </ul>
Sports & Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exhibitions for Community Wellness (<i>Health Fairs/ Red Ribbon Events/ Great American Smoke-out, etc.</i>)</li> <li>▪ Youth clinics (<i>non-profit or free to participants</i>)</li> <li>▪ Free performances for special populations or, all fees collected go to a charity or for a cause (<i>i.e. hospital shelter; fire/flood victims</i>)</li> <li>▪ Unpaid coaching/refereeing for non-profit sports organizations/parks (<i>Pop Warner</i>)</li> <li>▪ Back-to-School night (<i>directions, hand-outs, pushing wheel chairs, etc.</i>)</li> <li>▪ <i>Participating in parades (if not a class requirement)</i></li> <li>▪ Activity where profits go to shelter/ needy family/ victims of a natural disaster (<i>Hurricane Katrina help</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Camps or classes that charge tuition</li> <li>▪ For-profit camp or business</li> <li>▪ Activities/ performances/ presentations required for a course for school credit</li> <li>▪ Rehearsals required for class credit</li> <li>▪ Ticket profit goes to club</li> </ul>
Other Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dog or Cat fostering is limited to a <b>maximum</b> of 10 hours with an approved nonprofit agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Activities performed with a sorority or fraternity that are conducted at a "for profit" organization</li> </ul>

Court-mandated Service	Hours <b>beyond</b> those required by the court at the same agency or for the same project – <b>if the placement meets <u>nonprofit guidelines</u></b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Court mandated hours do not count for your community/ service learning requirement</li> <li>▪ FGCU judicial action</li> </ul>
Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Voter registration (<i>unpaid</i>)</li> <li>▪ Poll worker (<i>unpaid, or you donate stipend to a charity</i>)</li> <li>▪ “Get out the vote” activities</li> </ul> <p>*Students who have completed high quality <b>service</b> may then choose to work during an election for a candidate or advocating for an issue on the ballot.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Independent protests/ strikes/ rallies</li> </ul>
Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Voter registration (<i>unpaid</i>)</li> <li>▪ Assisting with blood drives.</li> <li>▪ Assisting with toy drives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruitment/ membership building</li> <li>▪ Teaching about organizations/ churches/ club’s beliefs. Our goal is for you to perform charitable service, not just talk about it.</li> <li>▪ Attendance at club/ organization church meetings</li> </ul>
Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Animal Shelters/ Animal Rescue Groups</li> <li>▪ Dog or Cat fostering is limited to a maximum of 10 hours with an approved nonprofit agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For profit pet stores or veterinary clinics</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous	<p>Students, there are always exceptions! If you have an idea, or an opportunity that seems to fit the guidelines, but you are not sure, ask Service-Learning.</p> <p>Students, if you still have questions or concerns, call Service-Learning at 239-590-7015.</p>	<p><b>Please don’t do hours if you are not sure it is acceptable way of fulfilling this requirement. Talk to Service-Learning at 239-590-7015!</b></p>