Community of Scholars-FAQ’s

Q. What is considered Community Service? - Community service is defined by the Community of Scholars as unpaid work that is performed as part of an organized scheme to meet a societal need that benefits an individual or organization.

Q. What is NOT considered acceptable community service by the Community of Scholars?  
(This list is not all-inclusive)

- Babysitting
- Working in your yard, raking leaves and/or shoveling snow.
- Participating in religious ceremonies
- Teaching religious classes
- Church obligations or activities (choir worker, nursery worker, vacation Bible school worker, etc.)
- Helping relatives
- Coordinating and/or decorating parties or ceremonies for family or friends
- More than 5 hours of social tutoring (tutoring a friend, etc.) - Unless it is within an organization or our office
- Any paid work

*If you are not sure if your community service will be accepted, CONTACT US FIRST before doing any work that you want to count toward your service hours.*

Q. What are some examples of ACCEPTABLE community service?

- Tutoring and/or mentoring a student through an organization, or school program (A coordinator/supervisor must verify hours)
- Serving meals at a soup kitchen
- Volunteering in a Nursing or Retirement Home
- Helping with a bake sale
- Participating in a neighborhood clean-up event
- Participating in ANY CoS sponsored or promoted event or cause!!

Q. I’m really busy with work and school! How do I fit community service into my schedule?

A. The Community of Scholars offers many service opportunities throughout the school year to accommodate students who have busy lives. Students can choose from large events that are usually one-day projects or ongoing service such as tutoring, mentoring, and volunteering at meal kitchens. Within our office, there are a variety of projects that meet on weekends, evenings, or even before the school year. Students are also encouraged to volunteer with other organizations on campus. Please check your WSU Email (ACCESSID@WAYNE.EDU), and the Community Engagement volunteer opportunity page (communityengagement.wayne.edu/volunteering.php), and the CoS monthly calendar on our website for frequent volunteer opportunities.

Q. I have completed my community service, now what do I do? Is there a form to submit?

A. In order to receive credit and be in good standing as a CoS member, you must log your hours successfully on the electronic hour-tracking site, NobleHour.com. Instructions on how to log these hours can be found on the CoS website. No forms are needed.
Q. How many community service hours are required per year?

A. A minimum of 30 hours are required each year to remain in good standing as a CoS member. 15 hours are required each semester.

Q. I have a great idea for a new community service project. How do I start it?

A. We have several events and projects that have been student-led initiatives. If you have a new idea for a community service project that does not already exist within our program, we encourage you to come into our office, call us, or send an email. Please also remember, that the CoS Student Organization is a great way to express new ideas, and work with others who love putting together new projects. For more information about the CoS Student Organization, please email us at scholars@wayne.edu.

Q. I am in a social club/Greek-letter organization/service club, can I use any of those service hours towards my CoS requirement?

A. Absolutely! As long as the service performed is within our guidelines, and you can provide the contact information of a NON-PEER, to verify that you did complete those hours.

**As always, if you have any further questions, please feel free to come to our office, email us at scholars@wayne.edu, or call us at 313-577-2440**