



Mount Carmel Academy

An HISD Contract-Charter High School
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Community Service Guidelines

MCA's Community Service requirement provides students with the experience of giving back while taking an active role as leaders in their community. It also helps students find necessary skills and abilities for educational purposes when applying for college, scholarships and awards.

- We require all students to complete a total of 25 hours every year while attending MCA.
- All submissions must be turned in no later than 3 months of the date of the service was completed.
- Submissions that are incomplete (i.e. no contact information, description, etc.) will be automatically denied. Please make sure all your forms are complete.

What counts?

- Club Activities
 - ❖ E.g. Navidad en el Barrio, Fill the boot, Love Thy Neighbor/Covenant House, Christmas Caroling, athletic club events, etc.
- Fundraisers
 - ❖ Fundraisers for clubs or organizations (with approval)
 - ❖ E.g. MCA's raffle, World's Finest Chocolate
- Service for entities with volunteer programs
 - ❖ Houston Food Bank, Hospitals, Local Library, Houston Zoo, SPCA, schools
- Religious
 - ❖ Vacation Bible School
 - ❖ Altar Service
- Food Pantry Other Services might need to be approved; please check with Mrs. Giacchino.

What doesn't count?

- Service to your family (e.g. babysitting)
- Non-charitable Service/ Service for-profit entities (paid Services)
 - ❖ Working for a business when you are not being paid
 - ❖ Something done for your family such as painting your house, moving or working for a family/friend's business.
- You can only submit hours for time spent doing community service, drive time to and from an event cannot be included.
- Independent/Unapproved Projects
 - ❖ Individual projects that are not connected with some sort of service organization or agency unless prior approval by Mrs. Giacchino.



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Looking for Volunteer opportunities?

Visit the following websites for opportunities based on your skills, your availability and location.

❖ *Volunteer Houston:*

<http://volunteerhouston.org/>



❖ *All for good:*

<https://www.allforgood.org/search?lat=29.7604267&lng=-95.3698028&locationInput=houston&radiusDropdown=within%2050%20miles>



Other opportunities

❖ *Texas Children's Hospital*

<https://www.texaschildrens.org/volunteer>



❖ *Houston Food Bank*

<https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/>



❖ *Houston Public Library*

<http://houstonlibrary.org/get-involved/volunteer>



❖ *Houston Zoo*

<https://www.houstonzoo.org/make-memories/adults/volunteer/>



❖ *Houston SPCA*

<https://www.houstonspca.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



❖ *Houston Museum District*

<http://houmuse.org/volunteer-in-the-district/>

