



Serving others is a way of life at LRCA and allows students to live out the good news of Jesus. Service Learning is defined as an educational method by which students learn and develop through active participation in service that is conducted in and meets the needs of a community. Service learning helps students develop their gifts and passions, as well as teaching them the importance of using gifts and time for something outside themselves and for building the body and community (Galatians 6:10). It models the example of Christ; one of servant-leadership. In addition, service-learning empowers students to work in partnership with adults in meaningful activities. Students can provide service in the community on a volunteer basis to public, nonprofit agencies, civic and charitable organizations and to the LRCA community.

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

Service Requirement

A service learning project is a graduation requirement. Each graduate must complete the project as outlined by the completion date. Supporting documentation must also be completed for proper credit (see below). This is done during the student’s Junior Year.

Suggestions

Choose a project:

- in an area of personal heartfelt interest and one that brings *you* joy
- that will allow *you* to go above the “minimum” requirement
- *you* can continue later in life.

Service Overview

There are basic guidelines that should be used to determine the appropriateness of the project. These are

- Service is defined as any sort of work a student does for the benefit of others, for which no fee, payment, or public recognition is received- that is, you may not receive payment or gifts for your service,
- *Class or J-Term Trips* do **not** qualify.
- Service cannot be provided for a family member
- The student may provide service for public, nonprofit agencies, civic and charitable organizations
- The supervisor of your service cannot be an immediate family member unless employed by the non-profit organization
- The service must be completed outside the school day including class trips and J-Term classes
- **Service must be completed during the Junior year; the deadline is April 1, 2022.**

Reporting the Service

Reporting the service project is a simple step in the process! Use this online form: [Reporting Form](#)

Project Types

Tier 1

Tier 1 projects are basic projects with a minimum hour requirement (15 minimum) and can be a collection of several smaller service opportunities (may be a combination of 1 or more different service opportunities). These might include delivering food to the needy, volunteering at a hospital or senior care center, attending a mission trip or teaching Vacation Bible School.

Tier 2

Tier 2 projects are project-driven and do not have a minimum hour requirement. These are short-term or long-term projects where the student is responsible for the service project from start to finish. Usually, he or she enlists others to help with the project. Examples include organizing a clothing drive, overseeing a program or beginning a new ministry opportunity. It is recommended (but not required) that the student seek approval from the Office of the Director of Student Life prior to beginning. Each project must have an adult supervisor. This type of project shows colleges that the student has creativity and initiative. Usually this type of project has no minimum hour requirement.

For more information, contact the Director of Student Life