



TREASURE COAST CLASSICAL ACADEMY VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS GUIDELINES

The honors designations of TCCA diplomas require scholars to complete 100 documented volunteer service hours over the course of high school. Bright Futures likewise requires service hours.

Because at TCCA, our intention is to build civic-mindedness and virtue in our scholars, TCCA requires that scholars complete their volunteer hours through non-profit organizations, political campaign offices, school functions, or governmental bodies. TCCA administration will approve volunteer hours outside of established entities such as these on an individual basis. Scholars may not complete volunteer hours by working for any member of the scholar's immediate or extended family.

TCCA encourages scholars to identify a social or civic issue and to complete the majority of service hours in that field. The tuition grants through Bright Futures from the State of Florida require a written reflection or oral presentation as described on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program website:

“The student must, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon their volunteer service or paid work experience.”

Accordingly, TCCA requires each senior to write an essay of 350 – 400 words describing and reflecting on the service experiences.

Service hours must be outside regular school hours, and scholars may not receive any compensation for service, either monetary or in kind. Scholars may count service hours from the first day of freshman year, but no sooner, and they must be complete by the end of senior year third quarter. Volunteer hours must be documented with the TCCA form, and the contact information must be verifiable. Scholars are responsible for completing and submitting their service documentation forms to the college guidance office.