Christian Service Hour Program 2025-2026

Do not begin a service project until you have thoroughly read and understood these guidelines.

Christian Service is an essential part of faith formation and a graduation requirement at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Students are called to put into practice the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and Gospel values learned in their Theology courses.

Graduation Requirement

- Students must complete **25 hours of service per year**, totaling **a minimum of 100 hours** for graduation.
- Students completing **25 hours or more** with one organization must also submit a **Christian Service Log** (attached).
- Any **donations** must be accompanied by an **itemized receipt**.
- **All service forms must be submitted within 30 days** of completing the service — *no exception*

Service Hour Deadlines

- **October 13, 2025** – Q1 and Summer Hours Due
- **December 19, 2025** – Q2 Hours Due
- **March 9, 2026** – All Senior Hours Due *(Gold cord eligibility cutoff)*
- **March 13, 2026** – Q3 Hours Due
- **May 15, 2026** – Q4 Hours Due (Underclassmen Only)

Students who meet their annual requirement and complete **250+ total verified hours**, including Direct Service, will receive **special recognition at graduation** by wearing a **gold cord**. Seniors must submit all hours by **March 9, 2026** to qualify. No hours will be accepted after this deadline.

General Guidelines

- Service must be performed **outside of school hours**.
- Hours must be with a **registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** in the State of Florida.
- Service may **not** be performed:
    - For immediate family members
    - For private businesses or corporations
    - For foster-based animal rescue services in private homes
- Students may not be paid for service.
- Contact information (phone and email) for the organization **must be included**.
- Submit service documentation by uploading a **photo of the completed form/log to the MobileServe app**.
- Underclassmen may apply hours earned **after the May deadline** toward the following school year

Goal of Christian Service
The goal of this program is to help students reflect Christ in the world through acts of compassion and justice. Inspired by **St. Teresa of Calcutta**, students serve as the hands and feet of Christ by engaging with the vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the marginalized. Service cultivates empathy and a lifelong commitment to Gospel values.

Types of Service:
Direct Service: (Minimum 10 hours per year required) Face-to-face service in the community.

Examples include:

- Volunteering at hospitals, nursing homes, soup kitchens, food banks
- Assisting at parish outreach, retreats, and Vacation Bible School
- Coaching through nonprofit youth programs
- Campus Ministry retreat leadership (weekends)
- Serving in parish liturgical ministries (e.g., altar server, lector)
- Volunteering at nonprofit animal shelters (brick-and-mortar only)
- Participating in environmental clean-ups or parish events
  Note: Fostering animals at home does **not** qualify.

Indirect Service: Supporting nonprofit efforts without direct contact.

Examples include:

- Donating to CGHS drives (food, toys, clothing, books)
- Assisting with collection and prep work for nonprofit events
- Working concession stands or backstage at CGHS events
- Clerical work for nonprofits
- Participating in charity walks or runs
- Donating to approved animal shelters

Christian Service Hour Form 2025–2026

Student Name: _____

Student #: _____ **Grade:** _____

☐ I affirm that these hours were performed for a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit registered in Florida.

Student Signature: _____**Date:**_____

To be completed by the service supervisor

Student Name: _____

Total Hours Served: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Date(s) of Service: _____

Brief Description of Duties:

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Supervisor Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Phone (Organization only): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Service must not be performed for immediate family members.

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Christian Service Log

(Use this form when serving 25+ hours at one organization. Must accompany service form.)

Student Name: _____

Student #: _____ **Grade:** _____

Name of Organization: _____
Supervisor Name: _____
Supervisor Email: _____
Phone (Organization): _____

Date	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours	Supervisor's Signature