

# May 2025 SSL Information for MCPS Students

## Upcoming Districtwide SSL Opportunities



- **Youth Gun Violence Prevention Summit (May 3, 2025, 9 AM - 5 PM)** - Join us to learn about how you can help end youth gun violence. Hear from experts on mental health, gun violence prevention, Stop the Bleed campaign, and other useful tips in combating youth gun violence in Montgomery County.
  - Students may earn up to **8 SSL hours** for participating. Lunch will be provided.
  - Interested students may view additional details at the following [link](#).
- **Exploring AAPI Experiences Webinar (May 22, 2025, 6PM-7:30PM)** - This webinar will explore the experiences of those within the AAPI community in the past and today.
  - Students may earn **up to 2 SSL hours** for participating in this advocacy opportunity.
  - To learn more, please visit this link - [https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=1089385](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1089385)
- **Exploring Jewish Diversity Webinar (May 28, 2025, 5PM-6:30PM)** - This webinar will explore the diversity among Jewish people.
  - Students may earn **up to 2 SSL hours** for participating in this advocacy opportunity.
  - To learn more, please visit this link - [https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=1089392](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1089392)
- **ELO Summer Program Student Volunteers (July 7 to August 1)** - The Division of Title 1 is excited to announce the return of student volunteers for the 2025 ELO Summer Programs.
  - Student volunteers are welcome to utilize MCPS bus transportation provided to program participants within each school's normal catchment area, and volunteers will be provided breakfast and lunch daily, free of charge.
  - The window to register as a volunteer will be open until June 6. Registration will take place on a first come, first served basis.
  - Student volunteers may only register for **one** location and must be available for at least 15 of the 20 days of the program.
  - Information regarding the volunteer registration process for each specific school site is available at this [link](#).
- [Additional May 2025 SSL Opportunities](#)

**Message  
to Share with  
Students and  
Families  
RE: SSL  
Opportunities**



**Student Service Learning Graduation Requirement**

All MCPS students must earn 75 SSL hours to graduate from high school. Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2024-2025 school year, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the amended guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage ([www.mcps-ssl.org](http://www.mcps-ssl.org)).

Please refer to important information about the MCPS SSL program provided below:

**SSL Hours Documentation**

- SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2024, should be turned into the school's SSL coordinator by **the required deadline of May 30, 2025**.
- Students who wish to submit SSL forms from previous school years must write an appeal to the school's principal outlining the circumstances for why the SSL form(s) were not turned in by the systemwide deadline. The school's principal will consider the information presented and make a final decision about the appeal.

To view **SSL forms and important due dates** for the 2024-2025 school year, please click [here](#).

Please note that all SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2024 or the 2024-2025 school year should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator on a rolling basis by **the required deadline of May 30, 2025**.

To learn more about **how to complete the SSL form**, watch this video at <https://bit.ly/SSLForm101>

**SSL Awards**

- Any high school senior who has submitted documentation to show the completion of **240 SSL hours or more** by April 4, 2025, will earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service along with a purple tassel for graduation.
- Any middle school student who has submitted documentation to show the completion of the **75-hour SSL graduation requirement** (for the first time in middle school) by April 4, 2025, will receive the Superintendent's SSL Award.

The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for the Certificate of Meritorious Service and middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award is **April 4, 2025**.

All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - <https://bit.ly/SSLReflection>) should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator by **April 4, 2025**, to be considered for these awards.

**Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE**

*Step-by-step directions for viewing a student's full SSL record*

**Step-by-step directions** may be found at <https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE>

**Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities**

*MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website*

**All opportunities (including in-person):**

<https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities>

**Virtual/remote opportunities:**

<https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020>

For additional tips on how to **search for opportunities**, please go to

		<a href="https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTip">https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTip</a>
	<b>MCPS Form 560-51:</b> <b>SSL Activity Verification Form</b> <i>Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed</i> <i>Student and supervisor must complete the form</i>  <b>NEW!</b> To learn more about how to complete this SSL form, watch this video at <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLForm101">https://bit.ly/SSLForm101</a>	<b>SSL Activity Verification Forms</b> ( <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLReflection">https://bit.ly/SSLReflection</a> ) for service completed should be turned into your school's SSL coordinator. <b>(All SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2024 and the 2024-2025 school year should be submitted to your school's SSL coordinator <i>no later than the required deadline of May 30, 2025.</i></b> )
	<b>MCPS Form 560-50:</b> <b>Individual SSL Request Form</b> <i>Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the <a href="#">Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</a></i>	To request <b>pre-approval for service</b> , please complete <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval">https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for <b>in-person service</b>, submit this form to your school's SSL coordinator</li> <li>for <b>virtual/remote service</b>, submit this form to <a href="mailto:SSL@mcpsmd.org">SSL@mcpsmd.org</a></li> </ul>
	<b>MCPS SSL Hub for Students</b> <i>Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!</i>	Check out <b>SSL forms, resources, guidelines, and much more</b> at our new MCPS SSL Hub for Students -- <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS">https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS</a>
	<b>MCPS SSL Program Overview</b> <i>Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms</i>	<b>MCPS SSL Program Overview</b> may be found at <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020">https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020</a>
	If you have any questions about the SSL program, please email your school's SSL coordinator ( <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS">https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS</a> and <a href="https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS">https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS</a> ) or the MCPS SSL office at <a href="mailto:SSL@mcpsmd.org">SSL@mcpsmd.org</a> . Thank you!	