



ATC Community Service Guidelines

Hours Required:

7th grade: Total of 20 hours required	
10 hours Fall Semester	10 hours Spring Semester
8th grade: Total of 30 hours required	
15 hours Fall Semester	15 hours Spring Semester
High school: Total of 40 hours required	
20 hours Fall Semester	20 hours Spring Semester

Students submit crew hours to their crew leader at the end of each semester.

Students log hours on Mobileserve.

Community Service Hours are considered to be your College Crew Final and therefore count as 20% of your semester Crew grade.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Community service is work done by a person or group of people that benefits others. It is often done near the area where you live, so your own community reaps the benefits of your work.

You do not get paid to perform community service, though sometimes food and small gifts, like a t-shirt, are given to volunteers.

Community service can help any group of people in need: children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, English language learners, and more. It can also help animals, such as those at a shelter, and it can be used to improve places, such as a local park, historic building, or scenic area as well. Community service is often organized through a local group, **such** as a place of worship, school, or non-profit organization. You can also start your own community service projects. If you start your own project, make sure that your college crew leader approves.

Some suggestions:

Working with schoolchildren: Tutoring children after school, collecting school supplies to donate, planting a school garden.

Working with senior citizens: Visiting residents of a retirement center, delivering meals to senior citizens, driving them to appointments.

Improving the environment: Holding a recycling contest, planting trees, creating a new trail at a nature center.

Helping low-income people: Passing out food at a soup kitchen, collecting used clothes to be donated, making first aid kits for homeless shelters.

Join a service club on campus. Hours, not including any class time, volunteering count toward ATC Community Service Hours. Your sponsor will approve the hours.

Students may include time accrued from the previous summer if they can get an adult supervisor who will verify the type of service and time (and crew leader approves).

Students may double dip. For instance, if for their confirmation program at church/synagogue a student completes a certain number of volunteer service hours (i.e. at a homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity, River Recovery), those hours may also count for ATC.

Religious activities such as preaching, proselytizing, and attending church or church events do **NOT** count toward community service.

Service for family or friends will **not** be accepted without **prior** approval from your Crew Leader. For example, if an aunty has cancer and a student is volunteering babysitting to help during Chemo, your teacher may approve this. But ask at the beginning of the semester and make sure that your crew leader approves.

Service for which the student receives payment shall not be accepted.

Some information adapted from <https://blog.prepscholar.com/what-is-community-service>