



In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to reward students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding to attend post-secondary education in Florida. To receive this award students must complete a certain amount of community service hours.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING IN ORDER FOR THEIR SERVICE HOURS TO BE CREDITED.

To get started earning hours to use for bright futures, sign up at:

<http://scs-webapps2.sarasota.k12.fl.us/hscs/>

What Qualifies as Community Service?

- High School Community Service may be performed only at non-profit 501(c)3 and other select agencies/organizations that are pre-approved by the school's HSCS Program Manager.
- Court-mandated community service hours may not be counted as HSCS credit hours.
- "Community" is defined as the Sarasota County area only.
- Certain activities at school or a place of worship may not qualify. The HSCS Program Manager will explain which activities will qualify as community service. Religious activities and mission trips do not meet the criteria.

For more information about what qualifies and what doesn't, click [here](#).

For more information about Bright Futures, visit:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

For more information about Community Service for students attending Sarasota County Schools, visit:

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/pupilsupportservices/default.aspx?id=41345>