

Community Service Program

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (Matthew 9:37 NASB)

I. Coastal Academy’s Community Service Program

Coastal Academy is requesting all **high school students** to serve a minimum of **twenty-five (25) volunteer hours each year** that they are enrolled in our school. Serving others is a big part of participating in the harvest Jesus talked about and **we encourage all students, regardless of age, to participate**. Opportunities abound and can include serving meals to the disadvantaged, working with your church’s clothes closet, or helping with Vacation Bible School. There are numerous ways to show care and support to the community. Coastal’s website (www.coastalacad.com) offers additional opportunities to consider.

The Community Service Program Log form is available for you to record the hours worked and will require a signature from a supervisor. Qualifying hours should be logged from mid April of this year to mid April of next year. For example, April 18, 2026 to April 16, 2027.

Volunteer hours that are worked regularly can be entered as one line item, i.e., 09/05/25 – 04/17/26, set up and clean up at Academy Day or 04/19/26 – 04/11/26, helped in Children’s Ministry at church. The supervisor would sign one time for all hours worked.

****The Community Service Program Log is due on the first Academy Day in April.****

II. Partnering with the National Service Honor Award Program

In addition, Coastal Academy is working with the National Service Honor Program to recognize the valuable contributions our volunteers are making in the community. Any student, age 5-18, who meets the program’s criteria, can receive a National Service Honor Award package for their volunteer hours (includes a certificate, pin, and formal letter).

Awards will be presented to all eligible students at the graduation ceremony each year. Students need not be graduating to receive their award.

Age is calculated based on the age of the student as of December 1st of the qualifying year. For example, if Jake is 10 from May to December 20th, but turns 11 on December 21st, he would receive an award based on the Kids level for ages 5-10. This is to award a student based on the age they were for the majority of the qualifying year. In this example, Jake was 10 for over 7 months, so he would receive an award in the Kids 5-10 level.

III. National Service Honor Award Criteria

Level/Ages	Kids Ages 5-10	Youth Ages 11-15	Young Adult Ages 16-25
Bronze	26-49 hrs	50-74 hrs	100-174 hrs
Silver	50-74 hrs	75-99 hrs	175-249 hrs
Gold	75+ hrs	100+ hrs	250+ hrs