



Works of Mercy
Works of Service

Feed the Hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Clothe the Naked

Shelter the Homeless

Visit the Prisoners

Visit the Sick

Bury the Dead

Care for Creation

*And Jesus said,
"Whatever you did for one of these least
brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me"
(Matthew 25:40).*

The Graduation Service Requirement

BISHOP FEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL

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"Let charity be our badge of honor."

M. Catherine McAuley

Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, who first staffed Bishop Feehan High School

WHAT IS SERVICE, AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT AT FEEHAN?

- Service is an integral part of Christian discipleship and an expression of Mercy, Feehan's charism
- Service should correspond to the [Corporal Works of Mercy](#)
- Students should consider "direct service" over "indirect service"
- Freshmen and Sophomores may especially want to serve through school and their place of worship; Juniors, through non-profit events and organizations

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "DIRECT" AND "INDIRECT" SERVICE?

- "Direct" service: *hands-on* work with people, especially the suffering and needy (e.g., serving food at a shelter; visiting the elderly at a nursing home)
- "Indirect" service: work which can help the needy, but does not necessarily involve them (e.g., organizing a food drive; filing paperwork at a nursing home)

HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT DIFFERENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Online, through the BFHS service documentation platform, [x2VOL](#)

HOW MANY SERVICE HOURS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?

- Sixty (60) hours of submitted and approved service

ARE THERE A NUMBER OF SERVICE HOURS THAT HAVE TO BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR?

- Yes, students must submit twenty (20) hours of service for approval during freshman, sophomore, and junior year at minimum
- Service can be completed either at one time (e.g., volunteering for a Mission Trip) or cumulatively through Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors years

WHEN CAN I BEGIN COMPLETING MY SERVICE HOURS?

- After school, on weekends, during vacation periods, and during the summer months (incoming freshmen can perform service once graduated from 8th grade)

IF I BELONG TO A CLUB, OR TEAM, OR AN HONOR SOCIETY, ARE THE SERVICE HOURS I HAVE TO COMPLETE FOR THAT GROUP IN ADDITION TO THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT?

- No, one set of hours fulfills both requirements
- Many clubs and athletic teams also offer various service opportunities which can be submitted for approval

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SERVICE HOURS?

- Online directly through [x2VOL](#).

WITH WHOM SHOULD I SPEAK IF I HAVE NON-TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRADUATION SERVICE REQUIREMENT?

- See the staff in the Office for Campus Ministry, Room 217.

NOTE: Bishop Feehan High School does not record hours over and above the 60-hour requirement.

General Service Ideas

Service in the community

- Babysitting
- Cleaning an elderly neighbor's yard
- Shoveling snow for free
- Assisting a neighbor
- Assisting at a service agency*
- Special Olympics
- Literacy programs
- After-school programs

Service in your parish/place of worship

- Catechist (religious education teacher or classroom aide)
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Altar server
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- Confirmation retreat team
- Choir member
- Usher
- Helping at the parish school
- Assisting at the parish fair

Service at Feehan

- Tutoring
- Admissions Office service: Big Brother/Big Sister, Evening Visit to School Fair, Open House, Entrance Exam, Prospective Student Interview Night, Incoming Freshmen Service Evening
- Altar server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
- Liturgical choir/music
- Assisting with set up for Mass/prayer services
- Assisting with team/club service projects
- Santa's Shop
- Assisting faculty and staff with varied projects

*The Office for Campus Ministry will regularly publish service opportunities to students, through emails and alerts using [x2VOL](#).

VolunteerMatch.org is also a clearinghouse for local service opportunities.

SERVICE INFO SCRATCH PAPER

Please obtain this information so you can record it in x2VOL

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON/ORGANIZATION _____

CONTACT PERSON/ORGANIZATION EMAIL* _____

***REQUIRED. You NEED to provide this so we may verify your service. Any questions, please see Mr. Rodrigues.**

DATE(s) OF THE SERVICE: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE:

NUMBER OF HOURS PERFORMED: _____