

## FVL'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

*Gal.6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

*FVL's Volunteer Service Program exists to offer students an opportunity to receive a non-graded credit for service activities they may be involved in. Between grade school graduation and graduation at FVL, students can receive a credit for the time they serve God as Sunday School teachers, VBS teachers, Hmong Saturday School assistants, ushers, camp counselors, etc. Colleges and scholarship committees view volunteer activities as important criteria when evaluating an application.*

### **Program guidelines:**

1. Choose a service activity in your church or community.
2. Pick up a Volunteer Service Activity sheet from any FVL religion teacher. Have your activity approved by the religion teacher.
3. Fill out the time log portion of the sheet and return it when the activity is complete. It must be signed by your on-site supervisor.

### **Examples:**

#### **Church:**

usher	Sunday School teacher/assistant
VBS teacher/assistant	nursery room helper
yard work for shut-ins	Jesus Cares teacher/helper (at FVL)
Pioneer helper	church cleanup
office helper	camp counselor
Hmong Saturday School	

#### **Community:**

Children's Museum	Volunteer at AMC/St. Elizabeth's Hospital
American Cancer Society	nursing home volunteer
Special Olympics	Big Brother/Big Sister

**\*\*\*If you are paid for an activity, like church organist, it would NOT qualify for the program.**

- The amount of credits you receive depends on the amount of hours involved in your activity.  
30 hours: .25 credit                      90 hours: .75 credit  
60 hours: .5 credit                        120 hours: 1 credit
- There are some activities that involve significant preparation time, such as teaching Sunday School. A student teaching Sunday School would log 1 hour of prep time and 1 hour of teaching time each week .
- A student will have 4 years to complete a service activity. For example, if a student teaches VBS every year and logs 25 hours a year, after 4 years they would have enough hours to receive a full credit. Every 25 hours earns ¼ credit. Hours can be "banked" from one year to the next.
- You will also be allowed to combine 2 activities in one program. You could log 10 hours in some church activity and another 35 hours at Appleton Medical Center as a Volunteer. You would have 2 supervisors initialing your time sheet.



