

## 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.*

**Program Overview:** FVL's *Volunteer Service Program* exists to offer students an opportunity to receive non-graded transcript credit for service activities in which they participate. While enrolled at FVL, students may receive a credit for the time spent serving their Lord as Sunday School teachers, VBS teachers, Hmong Saturday School assistants, ushers, camp counselors and a variety of other activities. College admissions personnel and scholarship review committees consider volunteer activities as an increasingly important component of an applicant's qualifications.

### **Program Guidelines:**

1. Choose a service activity in your church or community.
2. Pick up a [Volunteer Service Activity Log](#) sheet from any FVL religion teacher. The student will then ask the teacher to approve the activity, preferable, before beginning the service activity.
3. Fill out the time log portion of the sheet and return it when the activity is complete. Your on-site supervisor must sign the form.

### **Examples of Volunteer Service:**

#### 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	<i>Volunteen</i> program at AMC/St. Elizabeth's Hospital
American Cancer Society	Nursing home volunteer
Special Olympics	Big Brother/Big Sister

**Activities that are compensated (e.g., church organist) do NOT qualify for the program.**

- The number of volunteer activity hours determines the amount of service credits awarded on the student's transcript. To receive the next .25 service credit, the student must exceed the hour requirement of that level. For example, to receive .50 service credit, the student must log 60+ hours. These hours may accumulate from single or multiple simultaneous activities.

30 hours: .25 credit	90 hours: .75 credit
60 hours: .5 credit	120 hours: 1 credit

- Some activities involve significant preparation time (e.g., teaching Sunday School). A student teaching Sunday school would log one hour of prep time and one hour of teaching time each week.
- A student will have four years to complete a full credit in a service activity. For example, if a student teaches VBS every year and logs over 30 hours each year, after four years the student would have enough hours to receive a full credit.