

# **KINGS SOAR PROGRAM**

# **(VOLUNTEER) SERVICE LEARNING**

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THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD AS DEAR CHILDREN. EPHESIANS

# **SPECIFIC SOCIAL SKILLS**

1. Every adult must require the students to adhere to and practice specific social skills:

Sept. **Kindness**

Oct. **Integrity**

Nov. **Nobility**

Dec. **Gratefulness**

Jan. **Self-Control**

Feb. **Safety**

March **Obedience**

April **Attitude**

May **Responsibility**



# BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY

## Kings Soar - Service Learning (Volunteer) Program

### Scripture References:

Ephesians 5:1 (Amp) Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].

John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Luke 6:38 - “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Proverbs 21:26 “..the righteous gives and does not spare.”

James 2:15-16 - “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?”

**Service-Learning is all about giving.**

# The Standards

## (Five Core Values of Service Learning)

1. Service learners are **caring, compassionate and committed** to serving others.
2. Service learners understand the need for volunteer service is foundational to and **supported by scripture from the Word of God**.
3. Service learners are **responsible**, with the help of their parents and the school, to achieve the **minimum required volunteer hours**, as established by Victory Christian Center School.
4. Service learners understand that those who engage in volunteer service based on a **sustained commitment to a worthwhile cause** (an activity that has been maintained for a longer period of time as opposed to a variety of activities) develop a portfolio that sets them apart.
5. Service learners realize that volunteer service can result in **numerous benefits** to include academic, character and skill development, college acceptances, scholarship awards, career options and a lifelong commitment to giving. The ultimate goal is to change hearts to look like God's.

# Why Volunteer?

## (Also called Community Service or Service Learning)

- Shows **commitment, balance and well-roundedness**. You're up against thousands of college applicants with the same academic credentials. How do you stand out? What you choose to do outside of the classroom matters, whether that's play sports, work a part-time job, or volunteer your time in the community. Volunteering shows effective time management. A sustained commitment to a cause throughout your time in high school or a volunteer position that you have been able to maintain for a longer period of time will look impressive to admission officials. It also shows responsibility, reliability and motivation.
- Allows you to **test-drive career options**. If you think you want to go into medicine, teaching, or computer technology, spend volunteer hours in a clinic, a school or in an IT department. Volunteering opens new vistas and provides an opportunity to explore different career paths which can lead to the discovery of your God-given purpose.
- Develops **worthwhile relationships and strong networks** that can be beneficial in applying to colleges, internships or even jobs after you graduate from a university.
- You can earn **academic credit** for achieving certain levels of service-learning. You could be eligible for some academic rewards if you volunteer your time or get involved with a community service project.

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- You can also earn **scholarships**. You may already know community service scholarships are one of the more common scholarship categories out there. Those awards are by no means reserved for college students. In fact, there are more community service scholarships available to high school students looking for funding to help pay for that first year on campus. If you have a history of volunteerism, make sure you consider that in both your scholarship search and scholarship application process. Admissions officials aren't the only people you can impress with that kind of experience. Scholarship administrators like community service records as well.
- You can gain **new skills**. With each new volunteer activity comes training which may also provide building blocks for future success. For example, by managing the receipt, sorting and distribution of donations to a local crisis center, you can learn how to use spreadsheets to keep track of inventory. These skills are a great foundation for a job in management, accounting, or running a small business. Other skills that are valuable to employers, like leadership, problem solving, teamwork, and the ability to follow instructions can be learned.
- Teaches you to **give yourself away**, which is following the example of the Ultimate Giver, Jesus Christ. One of the most selfless acts anyone can do is donate their time and talents. In a time where a great majority of teens are focused on themselves and their desires, volunteering is a great way to rid a young person of self and focus on someone else. Do some good, change lives, support a cause and improve your community. Jesus went about doing good!

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- Adds to your **resume**. If your pre-college resume is limited to summer employment at the local pizza place and basic computer skills, it might be time to add a few lines. Commitment to community volunteer work over time shows you are willing to work for something without monetary compensation--much like a college internship, apprenticeship or job shadow experience--which may be a requirement of college programs.
- Can result in **academic gain**. Students who participate in community service learning tend to do better in school. It is believed that community service is somewhat of a missing link for students, giving them the chance to apply what they've learned in the classroom to real human needs.
- And finally, are you looking for an **essay topic**? The best college essays flow out of personal experience. In fact, essay questions often ask about significant achievements, events, people, or encounters—all of which may be found in the act of volunteering.

**Get started - Invest in Your Future  
Volunteer Today and Soar With the Kings!**

## A. Service Levels and Hourly Requirements

	Minimum 1st Qtr.	Minimum 2nd Qtr.	Minimum 3rd Qtr.	Minimum 4th Qtr.	Yearly Totals
Middle School	2	4	6	8	20+
High School	4	6	8	10	28+

# Award Levels Quarter 1

Deadline for Submission - Oct. 3rd

	<b>Tier One Arise Award</b>	<b>Tier Two Tower Up! Award</b>	<b>Tier Three Soaring Eagle Award</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	2+ hours	4+ hours	6+ hours
<b>High School</b>	4+ hours	6+ hours	8+ hours

# Award Levels Quarter 2

Deadline for Submission - Dec. 2nd

	<b>Tier One Arise Award</b>	<b>Tier Two Tower Up! Award</b>	<b>Tier Three Soaring Eagle Award</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	4+ hours	6+ hours	8+ hours
<b>High School</b>	6+ hours	8+ hours	10+ hours

# Award Levels Quarter 3

Deadline for Submission - March 3rd

	<b>Tier One Arise Award</b>	<b>Tier Two Tower Up! Award</b>	<b>Tier Three Soaring Eagle Award</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	6+ hours	8+ hours	10+ hours
<b>High School</b>	8+ hours	10+ hours	12+ hours

# Award Levels Quarter 4

Deadline for Submission - May 5th

	<b>Tier One Arise Award</b>	<b>Tier Two Tower Up! Award</b>	<b>Tier Three Soaring Eagle Award</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	8+ hours	10+ hours	12+ hours
<b>High School</b>	10+ hours	12+ hours	14+ hours

## B. Performance Rubric

All service learning is expected to be performed with a spirit of excellence. Awards are given only if the service learner, in conjunction with hourly requirements, has performed his/her duties with acceptable quality which will be a reflection of attitude, motivation and purpose. To be eligible for awards, service learner must receive a minimum overall evaluation of a Score Point 2. Your evaluator will be instructed to choose the category which best fits your performance:

**Score Point 3** - Consistent, convincing evidence of a conscientious, diligent effort to a volunteer task;

- Arrived early or on time
- Demonstrated an excellent effort toward the task at hand, worked with great focus and followed instructions, requiring little or no supervision; (commendable performance)
- Displayed a pleasant attitude and was cooperative with teammates and staff;
- Fulfilled commitment in terms of work assignment and time served

**Score Point 2** - Clear evidence of a conscientious, diligent effort to a volunteer task;

- Arrived no more than 10 minutes later than promised time.
- Demonstrated a good effort toward the task at hand, worked with focus the majority of the service time and followed instructions with minimal supervision.
- Displayed a good attitude and was generally cooperative with teammates and staff;
- Fulfilled commitment in terms of work assignment and time served.

**Score Point 1** - Limited evidence of a conscientious, diligent effort to a volunteer task;

- Arrived 10 minutes or more late
- Demonstrated a minimal effort toward the task at hand and was periodically distracted, requiring intermittent supervision;
- Was generally cooperative but at times failed to display teamwork;
- Fulfilled commitment [overall] in terms of work assignment and time served

# The Rewards of Giving.....

**Arise Award** - For the emerging service learner who completes Tier One requirements by the end of any quarter. All official VCCS Volunteer Service Verification Forms must be presented by last day of each quarter of achievement. Recipient receives:

- Certificate of Achievement with recognition during Chapel

**Tower Up! Award** - For the momentum service learner who completes Tier Two requirements by the end of any quarter. All official VCCS Volunteer Service Verification Forms must be presented by last day of each quarter of achievement. Recipient receives:

- Certificate of Achievement with recognition during Chapel
- Pass for one free lunch to be redeemed within 30 days. This pass is valued at \$3.00 and is not transferable to any other student.

**Soaring Eagle Award** - For the service learner who has distinguished himself /herself as a servant leader by completing Tier Three requirements by the end of any quarter. All official VCCS Volunteer Service Verification Forms must be presented by last day of each quarter of achievement. Recipient receives:

- Certificate of Achievement with recognition during Chapel
- Pass for one free lunch with dessert to be redeemed within 30 days. Pass is valued at \$3.75 and is not transferable to any other student.
- One homework pass to be redeemed in any class within 30 days.
- Two points added to end-of-quarter grade in any class during quarter of service

Students receiving at least four (4) SEAs during high school earn a Volunteer Service Cord at graduation.

# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can my volunteer service be performed in both conjunction with school activities and outside the school? **Yes**
2. Can the work I do through my church count as volunteer service? **Yes**. Scholarship organizations often look for service outside areas students may be required by their families to serve in; however, because of numerous opportunities to serve through various outreach ministries at VCC, 40 percent of service through the church can be counted towards your minimum requirements.
3. Can the volunteer work I performed over the summer count toward my volunteer credits for graduation? **Yes**
4. How do I provide verification for the volunteer work I have worked? Submit a VCCS Volunteer Service Verification Form to the Guidance Office upon completion of your service. This must be completed by an authorized person in the organization you served with. On the middle and high school level, this form can be e-mailed to [tfarmer@vccskings.com](mailto:tfarmer@vccskings.com). These forms are available in the Guidance Office and online through weekly e-blasts. They will also be e-mailed to parents.
5. If I serve volunteer hours at an event and do not get my form completed by a pre-approved authorized person, will I still get credit for my hours? **No**
6. If I serve volunteer hours and do not turn my form in by the end-of-quarter cutoff, can I submit it later and get my certificate and voucher later? **No**
7. If I serve volunteer hours and fail to get a verification form, can an authorized person call the Guidance Office to confirm my hours? **No**
8. If I do not achieve 2s or higher in all my evaluations, will my hours still be counted? **No**. The VCCS volunteer service requirement is comprised of two parts: 1) Service hours and 2) Quality standards.  
Only the service that meets both requirements will be counted.

# ***EXAMPLES OF APPROVED AND UNAPPROVED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES***

## **APPROVED**

1. C2C Radio Broadcast
2. VCC Youth Community Outreaches
3. Hallelujah Night-CITC
4. It's Time to Be Healed Broadcast
5. VCC Dinners for Homeless
6. Ballantyne Festival
7. Samaritan's Purse
8. Spring Festival
9. Nursing Home Ministry
10. Tutoring
11. Salvation Army
12. Crisis Assistance Ministry
13. Any school-initiated volunteer activities

## **UNAPPROVED**

1. Football field worker; sports camps
2. Mom's daycare
3. Dad's auto repair shop
4. Alumni & Friends Basketball Tournament
5. Senior Dinner
6. Inter-school competitions (spelling bees, math and science fairs, etc.)
7. Nursery worker or usher
8. Athletic manager
9. Timekeeper
10. Parent-Student lunch
11. Anything you are paid for.

**\*\*\*\*NOT SURE? PLEASE ASK!\*\*\*\***

# VOUCHER TERMS

- **Arise Award** - No voucher
  - **Tower Up! Award** - Pass for one free lunch to be redeemed within 30 days. This pass is valued at \$3.00 and is not transferable to any other student. Dates pass is valid will be written on voucher. Don't lose it. We cannot reissue.
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  - One homework pass to be redeemed in any class within 30 days.
  - Two points added to end-of-quarter grade in any class at end of quarter award was earned.
  - In order to be able to calculate hours in time to add to end-of-quarter grade, students will be required to submit all hours one week before the end of quarter.
  - Seniors who receive four (4) SEA's during the school year will receive a volunteer cord at graduation. Other students who reach this level of achievement will receive special recognition.
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