

Student Service Learning Hours (SSL)

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IMPORTANT SSL DEADLINES

MCPS STUDENT DOCUMENTATION (FORMS) TIMELINE	
Time Frame of Service	Form Due Date
Summer (recommended)	September 24, 2021
Summer and 1st semester (recommended)	January 13, 2022
Summer, 1st Semester, and 2nd Semester (Required)	June 2, 2022

MCPS SSL AWARDS TIMELINE		
Award	Requirement	Form Deadline (REQUIRED)
Superintendent's SSL Award	75 hours in middle school	April 14, 2022
Certificate of Meritorious Service	240 hours or more by senior year	April 14, 2022

NEEDED FORMS

All organizations and opportunities for which SSL hours are desired must be preapproved. Check the list of MCPS approved organizations at the website <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/SSL.html>. If any student is interested in an activity that is not already preapproved and the activity does meet the criteria for Student Service Learning, the Individual Student Service Learning Request Form should be completed and turned in to Mr. Barnes, the SSL Coordinator, in the inbox in the Counseling Office. All students should wait for approval from him BEFORE completing the activity.

Students should document approved SSL activities by completing the Student Service Learning Activity Verification form. Forms MUST be turned in to the SSL coordinator by the deadline stated above. SSL hours turned in after the deadline cannot and will not be accepted.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT RULES & WHERE TO LOCATE HARCOPIES OF NEEDED FORMS

All Pre- Approval and Verification forms may be completed online or handwritten. All handwritten forms must be completed in black or blue pen. Forms submitted in pencil and/or incomplete will be returned and/or the documented hours not credited. Students should keep a copy of all SSL documents before submitting them for credit. All completed forms are to be submitted into the inbox in the Counseling Office. Blank hard copies of the Verification Forms can also be obtained there in both English and Spanish.

BENEFITS

The **Superintendent's SSL Award** recognizes students who meet the SSL graduation requirement of 75 hours while in middle school.

The **Certificate of Meritorious Service** recognizes graduating seniors who have documented 260 or more hours of service. Graduating seniors with this distinction also receive special recognition in their graduation program and a beautiful purple tassel.

Some schools and private businesses also provide college scholarships for students who exceed the minimum number of hours. Some schools use this information as part of their enrollment criteria while businesses use this information to determine an applicant's suitability for a new job.

SSL is a graduation requirement in the state of Maryland. Students who complete at least 75 of their SSL Hours by May of their senior year in High School would have fulfilled one of their graduation requirements.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THE MCPS SSL WEBSITE

[MCPS SSL Website](#) -- downloadable forms, requirements, volunteer opportunities, and more.