Although it is not a requirement to graduate, community service hours are required for the Bright Futures Scholarship and are a positive addition to college applications. Also, these hours can be a valuable way for students to gain experience and skills while also contributing to their community.

To track community service and paid work hours, students should check with their high school guidance counselor. They are required to submit a form documenting their hours to counselor with your approved volunteer hours. Students should also check with their school to find out what types of activities count for community service or paid work hours.