



## Community Service Hours

- ❖ Community service hours must be submitted on an MCS community service form or a company letterhead (**Volunteering for family is not considered community service, this includes parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings**).
- ❖ If a student volunteers at the same business where their parent is employed the community service document must be signed by an office manager or owner who is not the parent. Community service hours should never be signed by the student's parent.
- ❖ Any submission of more than 50 hours must show documentation of the hours worked (a time card or log in sheet)
- ❖ Travel time is included to local events such as Special Olympics.

Community service hours are earned through volunteer work for the following:

*Organizations* – Churches, Schools, Hospitals, Politician's office, Doctor's office etc.

*Individuals* - Neighbors, elderly, babysitting etc. As noted above a student may not work for their family or family owned business.

*Missions trips* – students are given credit for 8 hours per day, including travel days. If the group does **not** work for a day that day is not included in the time.

Miami Christian School does not require a minimum of Service Hours for graduation. However, the school strongly encourages each student to do community service by rewarding students K3 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with awards at the end of the school year. Community service has a positive influence on universities and scholarship opportunities. To qualify for the Florida Bright Futures FAS Scholarship a student must complete 75 hours of service.