

# DCTS Culminating Career Portfolio-Community Service Guidelines

- ▶ Five (5) hours per year, 20 hours total, volunteer service forms should be completed and returned to Mrs. Hannold
  
- ▶ **Examples of Acceptable Community Service**
  - Preservation of the environment / protection of historical sites
    - ▶ Fish & Game Commission
    - ▶ PA Parks & Forests Foundation-Swatara State Park
    - ▶ CAGA-Capital Area Green Belt Association
    - ▶ Five (5) Senses Gardens
  
  - Promotion of health, welfare and safety of the community
    - ▶ Food banks
    - ▶ Volunteer fireman
    - ▶ Boy/Girl Scouts
    - ▶ ROTC-Reserves Officer Training Core
    - ▶ Humane Society
    - ▶ CATRA-Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association
  
  - Improvement of standard of living for residents of the community
    - ▶ Lawn mowing services
    - ▶ Shoveling snow
    - ▶ Raking leaves
    - ▶ Planting flowers
  
  - Improvement and enrichment of the lives of individuals with mental or physical challenges in the community

- ▶ Volunteer to conduct community service presentations to local clubs, churches, etc.
- ▶ Educate the community about mental or physical challenges in an effort to solicit assistance and participation
- ▶ Volunteer to assist challenged individuals, etc.
- Promotion of a quality life for senior citizens
  - ▶ Volunteer at a local nursing home and develop/assist with an activity
  - ▶ Serve as a “buddy”
  - ▶ Coordinate an effort to collect toiletries and basic necessities for elderly “shut ins” or nursing home patients
- Leadership guidance and activities for youth in the community
  - ▶ Youth groups
  - ▶ YMCA/YWCA
- Any practice promoting the general good of the community
  - ▶ Coordinate a community activity, i.e. Coordinate/participate in a Make A Difference activity
  - ▶ Serve on a community youth council
- ▶ **Examples of non-acceptable community services**
  - When the student receives financial compensation-**cannot be paid for any services completed**
  - When the student receives class credit for the time, such as an internship (unless the hours exceed the required time and the organization is a non-profit service organization)
  - When hours are required for club membership (unless the hours exceed the required time and the organization is a non-profit service organization)
  - Court appointed community service hours
  - Duties and/or responsibilities for a family member