



SERVICE HOUR FACT SHEET

The information below will assist you with determining what service hours qualify to receive the Michigan Student Service Award scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact HandsOn Battle Creek staff members.

WHAT COUNTS AS SERVICE HOURS?

The following types of activities (as well as many others) would qualify, and would be certified by HandsOn Battle Creek:

- Direct Service, such as river clean up, tutoring, spending time with a nursing home resident.
- Indirect Service, such as computer data entry, fundraising, food collection, board or committee work for a nonprofit.
- Civic Engagement, advocacy or community organizing, such as beautification, mural painting, community surveys.

Some examples include: volunteering at a nonprofit organization (Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society, etc.), taking up collections such as returnable cans or food drives and donating proceeds to a local organization, snow shoveling or raking for a neighbor, tutoring or helping younger children outside of school hours, community beautification projects such as planting flowers or litter pick up. Hours must be logged prior to graduation.

WHERE CAN I FIND VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITIES?

www.Handsonbc.org is a great place to begin looking for hours. We specialize in matching individuals or groups with appropriate volunteer experiences. As many non-profit organizations have age limitations for their volunteers, we can direct you to the agencies that can not only accommodate youth, but offer valuable experiences as well.

You can start by searching our website, www.handsonbc.org, and if you don't find anything that suits your interest there, feel free to contact our staff at 269-964-4189.

Be the Change. Volunteer.