

# Community Service Project

## WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

The mission of the Community Service Project is to help students develop an awareness of the issues and needs permeating their greater community. Participation in the program gives students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of interests, while networking in the community.

### **Community Service Work defined:**

Non-legal work performed without either compensation or academic credit, and:

- a) Related to meeting the needs of the indigent or underserved; or
- b) For the betterment of the environment and/or community at large;
- c) Excludes ambassadors and student recruiting.

## WHERE CAN I WORK?

If you are interested in participating, please see the Opportunities Chart. This list is not exclusive, as you can work with any agency needing volunteers.

After you have arranged your internship with an approved site organization, you must complete the attached **Intent to Participate form** which defines the professional and ethical commitment you will be making when you participate in the program. The Intent to Participate form should be turned in to the Center of Career Development prior to beginning work with the agency.

You can download an **hours log form** from the website or receive a copy in the CCD. You must return the hours log with a supervisor's signature at the **end of each semester**, as well as by the deadline prior to graduation, to receive recognition for your work. All of the above information is available online at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/career/students/probono/>.

When training is required, every 3 hours of volunteer work, 1 hours of training may be added to count toward community service hours. For example, if 20 hours of training is required, you must work 60 volunteer hours to count the full 20 hours of training and to add them to your total community service hours.

## RECOGNITION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

This is a Certificate Program, students earning 35, 70, or 105 hours of community service work will achieve a *general* certificate, an *excellence* certificate, and an *outstanding achievement* certificate respectively.

Certificates will be awarded to graduating 3Ls, while qualifying 1Ls and 2Ls will be invited to the celebration, and encouraged to continue their good work. At graduation, the College will list on the commencement program that you received a community service certificate.

Thank You for Your Interest in the Community Service Project!!  
We Look Forward to Working with You!