

Service requirements-New for 2018

LEAD Scholars are expected to be contributors to society rather than collectors. The service component of the LEAD Scholars Academy allows students to initiate change in the community. LEAD Scholars plan and execute service projects related to their own interests. For 2018 and future semesters LEAD will only recognize **active** service directly benefitting a nonprofit agency, not passive hours.

First-year LEAD Scholars will have the flexibility to do either a group project (where LEAD Scholars coordinate a visit to an agency), a Foundations of Leadership class based project, or 15 individual community hours in LDR 2001. Students in LDR 2002 will do a group service project as part of their class and will turn in a minimum of 15 service hours. Second years are required to do 25 hours in LDR 3215 with a service agency approved by your instructor for your specific service area and 15 hours in LDR 3950, unless they are enrolled in an online section. Service must be performed during fall and spring semesters only. Service performed during summer and winter breaks (while school is not in session) will not be counted toward your service requirement. LEAD Scholars are required to submit a service reflection form to the LEAD Scholars office for verification of service through the online portal. The form will have the following information and will be available through the LEAD Scholars Academy office or website:

- Description of service provided
- Description of why the service was needed
- Information regarding what was learned from the service provided and general comments
- Signature from an agency representative
- Statement from the agency where service was provided regarding LEAD Scholars involvement.

LEAD Scholars Academy teams with Volunteer UCF, a student program committed to volunteerism, and the Burnett Honors College to identify service sites and facilitate placement of LEAD Scholars in service opportunities. The first step to volunteering in the community is being partnered with a local agency. Volunteer UCF is the volunteering opportunity clearinghouse for the UCF community.

Please note: The LEAD Scholars Academy staff reserves the right to determine an appropriate service site and hours.



The following are some examples of **NON-approved service activities** as your hours and effort are not actively benefitting nonprofit agencies:

- Service with for profit agencies
- Service hours through leadership positions or class requirements outside of LEAD Scholars Academy
- Service hours through involvement in a club or organization (member meetings, practices, recruitment, performances, etc.)
- Babysitting for family members or neighbors' children
- Volunteering for a family member's business
- Attendance at philanthropic events (i.e. Greek Philanthropies)
- Donating food for hours
- Drive time to and from a service activity

Philanthropic Service

Knight-thon/Relay for Life

- Bucketing/fundraising can count as hours leading up to the Knight-thon or Relay event.
- 10 hours max for participating as a Knight-thon dancer or morale/Relay for Life walker/volunteer as all hours are not directly benefitting the non-profit agency.

Greek organizations

- **What CAN count:** Facilitating your chapter's philanthropy event can count as service (i.e.-handing out water to runners or facilitating check-in during a 5K your sorority is hosting (and benefiting a nonprofit agency))
- **What CANNOT count:** practice for a philanthropy competition (i.e.-singing practice for ZTA Lip Sync), attending a philanthropy program (i.e.-sitting in the audience during KD Shakedown), or participating as a competitor in a greek competition (i.e.-being on a team for DZ Hike for Hearing).

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of philanthropic opportunities. Please ask the LEAD office for any clarifications regarding service opportunities.

If you are unsure regarding your service site, please contact a staff member for approval prior to participating in the service. If the staff determines your volunteer hours are not with an appropriate organization, you will be notified and will need to complete your hours at another site. For this reason, turning in unusual service hours early is encouraged.



