



**MYNDERSE ACADEMY
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
STUDENT JOURNAL**



All students at Mynderse Academy are required to complete and document volunteer community service work toward a ***20-hour graduation requirement***. It is important for our students to give back to a community that has provided them such a wonderful educational experience. Not only is this an opportunity for our students to make a difference in our community, the requirement also provides the chance for our students to gain hands-on experience and explore community issues.

Volunteering helps students develop leadership skills, provides an opportunity to make new friends, and helps establish connections between classroom learning and real-world experiences. Taking part in service work teaches skills that are valuable to employers, such as problem solving, teamwork, and the ability to follow instructions.

Mynderse Academy students can volunteer on their own or with a group of friends. Participating in community service is a rewarding way to share your individual talents, all while having fun and making personal connections. We encourage our students to explore their interests through volunteering and appreciate its value as it relates to their future career choice. Networking and building new relationships within our community can provide an opportunity to explore college and career goals.

*You have
two hands.
One to help yourself,
the second
to help others.*

Students who volunteer their time and complete community service are often better able to find scholarships that may not have been available without the experience. We encourage all students to keep a list of their completed community service experiences so that the information can be available when applying to colleges.

Please make sure to see Mrs. Stevers before initiating your first community service experience. Make sure to use a pen when completing this packet and submit one packet per activity. If you are completing the same activity on different days, however, only one packet is necessary.



Please see Mrs. Stevers in the Counseling Office for any questions that you may have



***Students must sign below and complete page 3
Parents must sign below (If student is under the age of 18)
Supervisors must sign on Page 4***

Student's Name: _____

Community Site: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature (If Student is Under the Age of 18): _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Community Service Hours: _____

DESCRIPTION AND STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

All students entering Mynderse Academy will be required to complete a community service requirement of 20 hours of unpaid service prior to graduating from Mynderse Academy. Students who transfer into Mynderse Academy from another school will be required to complete 5 hours of community service for every full year in attendance at Mynderse Academy.

This program was developed by a number of people including staff, parents, and students who strongly believe that high school students should experience the rewards of performing volunteer service within our community.

The goal of our community service requirement is to enhance awareness of civic responsibility and develop a better understanding of volunteering time for the benefit of others. The objective of the requirement is to provide students with the opportunity to develop social and communication skills, social awareness, career exploration, life experiences, and responsible citizenship. The success of our program is dependent on the cooperation of students, parents, staff, and community agencies.

When completing community service, please be aware of the following:

- *Each student must meet with Mrs. Stevers in the Counseling Office prior to beginning each service.
- *The student must be sure to have their parent/guardian sign if they are under 18 years of age.
- *The student must complete a written description of the activity and the benefit gained from this experience. The description should include a dated entry for each occasion in which the service was completed.
- *Once the community service is done, the student should complete the packet, describing the service, how it was a benefit to our community, and what they learned about themselves because of the activity.
- *The supervisor should complete the evaluation form, fill in the total hours contributed, sign the form, and return it to the student.
- *The student must submit all completed paperwork to Mrs. Stevers in the Counseling Office within one month of completing the service.
- *Family members may not serve as a student supervisor.
- *The activity cannot be related to school fundraisers or one's place of employment where the student gets paid.
- *All community service must be completed by February 1st of senior year.
- *The student must demonstrate appropriate work ethic, dress, and appropriateness.
- *Credit is available for up to 1 unit (including the 20 hour requirement):

35-49 hours = .25 credit	50-64 hours = .50 credit
65-79 hours = .75 credit	80 or more hours = 1.0 credit (maximum)

MYNDERSE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR'S EVALUATION

Student's Name

Date(s) of Service

Please evaluate the student according to how he or she demonstrated these qualities during the activity. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Please note: This information will be shared with the student.

	Not Applicable	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
1. Was prompt and ready to work-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Used time appropriately-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Demonstrated sincere effort-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Accepted constructive suggestions-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Demonstrated an ability to work with others---	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Demonstrated responsible behavior-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Used effective communication skills-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Demonstrate a positive attitude-----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Supervisor: please be sure to fill in the total number of hours the student contributed to this location: _____.

Please write a brief summary of your overall observation, indicating areas of strength and areas in need of improvement.

Supervisor's Signature and Phone Number

Date

Supervisor, Please Print Your Name

**Thank you so much for your participation in our Community Service Program.
Your time and efforts are most appreciative!**

**The student is to return this entire packet to Mrs. Anne Stevers,
Mynderse Academy School Counseling Office.**

EXAMPLES OF SERVICE AGENCIES

American Red Cross
American Legion Auxiliary
Beverly Animal Shelter
Community Center of Seneca Falls
Cooperative Extension 4-H
Creative Choices Child Care Center
Finger Lakes Council Boy/Girl Scouts of America
Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. (Happiness House)
Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Service
Frank Knight Parent Team Evening Childcare during Meetings
Huntington Living Center
It's a Wonderful Run
Literacy Volunteers of America, Seneca County Chapter
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
Mynderse Library, Seneca Falls
Mynderse Interact Club
National Women's Hall of Fame
North Seneca Ambulance
Partners for Children
Seneca County ARC
Seneca County Chamber of Commerce
Seneca County House of Concern
Seneca County Humane Society
Seneca County Senior Center, Inc.
Seneca County Youth Bureau
Seneca Falls Library
Seneca Falls Council of Churches
Seneca Falls Fire Prevention Program and Fire Departments
Seneca Falls Historical Society, Inc.
Seneca Falls Kiwanis
Seneca Falls Rotary Club
Seneca Museum
Seneca Nursing Home
Waterloo Memorial Youth and Community Center
Local Churches and their programs