



Community Service Requirement

Incoming Freshmen/Sophomores: 40 hours due by the end of the FALL TERM senior year

New Juniors: 20 hours due by the end of the FALL TERM senior year

One-year Seniors and Post Graduates: 10 hours due the beginning of SPRING TERM

Bold type indicates sponsorship by Sem's Community Service Club

SERVICE CATEGORY	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS/NON-PROFITS
Faith-Based	Participation in a service activity sponsored or hosted by a religiously affiliated organization, program, or congregation (church, mosque, synagogue, or temple).	Acolyte, altar servers, church or vacation bible school (VBS), nursery, mission trips, rescue mission, camp/retreat counselor
Animals	Assist with education and support activities, including caring for animals, educating prospective owners, assisting with adoptions, and fundraising.	Blue Chip Rescue , animal shelters like the SPCA , aquariums, foster home for animals, therapy programs, zoos, etc.
Arts & Culture	Assist with activities to promote and sustain the art and cultural events in the community including teaching music or art, giving tours at museums or homes, etc.	Art gallery, community band, cultural events, interpretative guides, museum, tourist centers, etc.
Maintenance of Community	Participation in events such as painting, rebuilding, refurbishing, construction, and landscaping in a community. Maintaining your church or library grounds. Helping families independent of an organization requires pre-approval	Camp Orchard Hill clean-up, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Hillside Farms , Habitat for Humanity , Kiwanis, Riverfront Cleanup , etc.
Crisis Support	Participation in fundraising and direct action events to support individual crises such as home fires, death in families, job loss, etc.	Children's hospitals, Children's Miracle Network, Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude's, Shriners' Hospital, etc.
Disaster Relief/ Emergency/Safety	Participation in fundraising and direct action events to support rebuilding of communities devastated by unexpected event such as hurricane, tornado, flood	American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UNCOR), etc.
Education/Literacy	Participation in activities to support education including tutoring. Note that there are many of these opportunities over breaks!	Coach, library volunteer, Lower School Math Clinic , Peer Tutor , Volunteers of America, YMCA, Reading for Head Start , Summer at Sem , Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley, Sem Summer Sports Camps , international summer service programs
Environment	Participation in activities, educational events and fundraising focused on the environment.	Keep America Beautiful, Nature Conservancy, Lake Francis Nature Center
Health, Medicine, Wellness	Participation in fundraising and educational events to increase awareness about health concerns, medical needs, and improved wellness of community.	American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, nursing home, candy striper or hospital volunteer, hospice, charity races, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, etc.
Homelessness, Housing and Hunger	Participation in fundraising and educational events to support individuals and families without homes or adequate shelter and food.	Coat drives, food banks, Soup Kitchen , homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, CEO etc.
Veterans & Military	Participation in fundraising and education events to support community members who are retired or active duty military.	American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wounded Warrior, Operation Legacy, etc.
Other	Activities that enhance the well-being of others	Advisory Councils for parishes or nonprofits, nursing home volunteer, senior citizen volunteer, etc.

Please note: Sem encourages our students to seek alternative service opportunities, but review your service plan with your Class Dean before completing the service. Service is a volunteer activity without financial gain to the student and the goal is to provide a service to society.