



### SERVICE LEARNING (Community Service)

**What is Service Learning?** An educational approach that combines learning objectives with community service in order to provide a pragmatic, progressive learning experience while meeting societal needs.

**Types of Service Learning:** A form of experiential education where learning occurs through a cycle of action and reflections as students seek to achieve real objectives for the community and a deeper understanding and skills for themselves. Student action may be direct – indirect – advocacy -research or a combination of these.

We recognize the difference, and importance of both Service Learning and Community Service. While we push to engage members in Service Learning, we also will accept hours for Community Service hours. Ohio FCCLA works to empower students leading change through action.

**Recording Hours:** A worksheet has been provided for advisers to use to help track members hours. Members should complete the Service Learning Portal quarterly if possible.

**Service Learning Hours and CDE's:** If a member is completing a Career Development Event that is also a Service Learning project all hours can be recorded except the completion of the CDE presentation and/or portfolio.

**Resources:** Lead4Change – National FCCLA Community Service Program – Ohio Dairy Council – FACTS Grant

**Service Learning Tracking Portal:** The following information must be entered for members and chapters to be considered for the top three awards to be presented at State Leadership Conference.

1. Valid Email
2. Chapter Number
3. Chapter Name
4. First & Last Name
5. Hours of Service

**Submission for Awards:** All forms must be submitted through the portal by the end of business on March 1. Service hours window is March 1 to March 1.

**Questions:** Get answers to your questions at [ohiofccla@education.ohio.gov](mailto:ohiofccla@education.ohio.gov)

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