



Service Learning Opportunities

Experience matters! Engaging in service learning is a meaningful way to give back to your community while building skills, gaining hands-on experience and enhancing your personal and professional development. Service learning connects classroom learning with real-world experiences, supporting local and global efforts.

Below you'll find specific service learning opportunities currently available, along with a sample of partner organizations that frequently welcome CF student volunteers.

There are many additional opportunities and organizations that value the support of CF student volunteers. If you'd like more information about any of these opportunities, please contact Julee McCammon at ServiceLearning@cf.edu

Other resources for finding service learning opportunities include:

- **VolunteerMatch** (create your profile at www.volunteermatch.org)
- **United Way of Marion County** (find local nonprofit projects)
- **Friends and Family** (ask about connections to volunteer opportunities)
- **College Professors** (learn about service learning projects tied to your courses)
- **LinkedIn** (search for nonprofit and volunteer opportunities)
- **Organization Websites** (like Habitat for Humanity, United Way, or Feeding America)
- **Local Nonprofits** – visit [Ocala/Marion Nonprofit Directory](#) for a comprehensive list of organizations and contact information.
- **DoSomething.org**: nonprofit organization that connects youth with opportunities to take action, both online and offline, to address pressing social issues.

Spring 2025 Opportunities

Schools

Schools are wonderful places to make a difference in your community. Whether you're assisting in the classroom, tutoring students or helping with events, your time and support can have a lasting impact on students and staff alike.

To get started, visit the website of the school you're interested in volunteering with and search for "volunteer" opportunities. If it's a public school, you'll likely need to complete a general volunteer application. The process is straightforward, but it's important to start early, as it may take a little time to get approved and placed.

If you don't receive a response to an email request, don't give up! Schools are busy places, and a follow-up can make all the difference. Call the school directly and ask for information about volunteering.

College Park Elementary School is our community partner and they love (and need) our volunteers! There are many opportunities to fit your availability.

- Help after school between 2-4 p.m. by mentoring through sports or enrichment activities.
- Husky Den (all hours during/after school): help answer phones, receive/stock/fold donations, data entry, create flyers, etc.
- Call 352.291.5057 for more information. Or email Caron Reid at creid@uwmc.org

Appleton Museum

The **Appleton Museum** is a great place for you to earn hours. They love volunteers and can help students find opportunities that match their career interests. Ex: design, accounting, security, etc.

Contact: Hollis Mutch at mutchh@cf.edu

First Friday Art Walk Help children and families with an art activity. Share information about the Appleton and CF. First Friday of the Month (September-May) from 6-9 p.m. at the Downtown Square, 1 SE Broadway St. Ocala, Florida 34471

- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2

Free First Saturday Help children and families with art activities in the Artspace.

First Saturday of the Month, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (*you may choose a shift, if unable to help the entire time*)

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- February 8
- March 8

- April 5
- May 3

Student Art Show Open House Help children and families with art activities in the Artspace during Student Art Shown Open Houses on select Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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- January 11
- January 18
- February 22
- April 12

Dress code: You should wear pants, and you will be provided a shirt to wear as well.

If the event is at the Appleton Museum: Please park behind the museum, there is one-way road to left of the main parking area that leads to the back parking lot. Press the buzzer at the door labeled “Security Entrance.” Sign the visitor’s log and let security know you are here to volunteer. Security will direct you to the education wing.

Disability Accessibility Experience

Another opportunity is the Disability Accessibility Experience. Download [Disability Accessibility Experience](#) to learn more. [Accessibility Audit Checklist](#)