

## Student Service Learning

Earning SSL hours can be fun and rewarding but.....you have to use the right forms, get approval if needed, and signatures. Here's how!

**MCPS SSL Website** (link to <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>)

### Guide to Getting Started

Check to see that your activity or organization is on the "**Montgomery County Volunteer Center**" (link to <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/montgomery-county/BrowserOrganizations.do?sort=name&dir=asc>)

1. If "YES", then all you need is the Verification Form 560-51. There is a new form. (link to attached PDF )
2. Get it signed by the person supervising you (someone other than a parent).
3. Fill in your part. All sections must be complete.
4. Bring it to your SSL Coordinator, Mrs. Kathryn Herman, in the counseling office.

If the activity or organization is not preapproved you must get it preapproved with form 560-50 ([http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/pdf/560-50-Request for SSL Preapproval.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/pdf/560-50-Request%20for%20SSL%20Preapproval.pdf)) before you do the activity. Fill out the entire form including signatures from the person supervising you. Bring the form directly to the SSL coordinator to sign immediately.

### Deadlines for Forms

- **Last Friday in September:** Documentation of service performed in the summer is due. (**Friday, Sept. 25, 2009**)
- **Friday before first semester exams begin:** Documentation of service performed during the first semester is due. (**Friday, January 8, 2010**)
- **Friday before second semester exams begin:** Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due. (**Friday, June 4, 2010**)

### Monthly Calendar and SSL Opportunities (link to

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/volunteer/WE\\_volunteerNews.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/volunteer/WE_volunteerNews.asp) )

### Superintendent's Award (Link to the following info)

There is no longer an application process for this award.

Simply get your verification forms in before May 1, 2010. Every child who documents:

- 75 student service learning (SSL) hours by May 1 of a middle school year will receive a Superintendent's pin and certificate.
- 150 SSL hours by May 1 of a middle school year will receive an additional Superintendent's certificate.
- 225 SSL hours by May 1 of a middle school year will receive an additional Superintendent's certificate.

## **Other approved SSL Opportunities (*check often for updates*)**

### **Montgomery County's 23rd Annual Community Service Day**

Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 2009

For more information visit: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer)

**Oktoberfest (Germantown)** <https://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/montgomery-county/LoadOpportunityReview.do?opportunityId=314326>

**George B. Thomas Learning Academy Opportunities for SSL** ([link to attached "SSLH" flier](#))

**Rockwell Elementary School** RES's first opportunity will be on October 15, 2009 for their Fall Picnic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Zaranis, PTA president, by email at [jenniferzaranis@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferzaranis@gmail.com) or call her at 301.503.4087

**Family Self-Sufficiency Opportunity on October 14th** ([link to attached "graduation" flier](#))

**The Damascus Community Fair** is an approved organization for SSL. Students can earn hours for setting up and managing fair activities.