

Community Service Innovation Award

Honoring High School Changemakers Who Lead Through Service

Award Overview

The Community Service Innovation Award honors Valley Christian students who go beyond traditional volunteering by creating their own service projects and inspiring others to join in meaningful community work. This award recognizes young leaders for their initiative, creativity, and passion for making a lasting impact.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a current high school student (grades 9–12).
- Have designed and led a community service project within the past 12 months.
- Have actively included and involved peers or community members in the project.
- Complete the full application and reflective essay.

Application Form: Use these questions as a template to create your own letter of introduction:
Student Information

Full Name: _____ Grade Level: _____
Email: _____

Community Service Project Summary

Include:

Project Title and dates (s) of implementation

Total Hours Contributed by Student: _____

Name of organization, contact and email

Describe your project in as much detail as possible.

Essay Questions (300–500 words each)

- What inspired you to create this project, and what need were you hoping to address?
- How did you involve others and create a sense of shared purpose?
- What did you learn as a leader during this project, and how has it changed you?

Submission Deadline

All materials must be submitted by May 9

Submit to: tgalleher@vcs.net