

Washington County Community Scholars

What is the Community Scholars program?

WCCS is a program sponsored by Washington County Public Schools whose goal is to produce highly qualified graduates who value the importance of citizenship and service to community.

What is community service, and how much is required?

Community Service is a service you do for someone or an organization that benefits them or others that you do not receive payment or personal compensation. This service is a core component of the WCCS program. At least twenty hours of documented community service is required however, document all your hours. Following are examples of organizational opportunities available to students for performing community service:

- Church Leadership
- Scouts
- Adopt A Highway
- Community Clean-up
- Recycling
- Tutoring
- Special Olympics
- Adopt a Grandparent
- Hospital volunteer
- Nursing Home volunteer
- Food Drives

Why should students participate in the WCCS program?

Students choose to be WCCS because they are assured that their high school education will enable them to compete for a meaningful job or enroll in a college or university. Participation may also qualify participants for the [AIMS Higher Scholarship](#) through Virginia Highlands Community College.

Besides community service, what are the other requirements for participating in the WCCS program?

WCCS are high school students who enroll in a curriculum of specified academic and/or vocational courses, who demonstrate a high level of citizenship and community service, who maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, and who have an excellent attendance record (95%). These skills and attributes are highly desired in both higher education and the job market.

When do students become Community Scholars?

WCCS are identified and recognized annually during their high school careers. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are recognized in the fall, while seniors are recognized in the spring and also during graduation exercises.

What must students do to become Community Scholars?

Interested students should see their counselor in order to plan a program of studies which includes the core courses required for WCCS recognition. A student may qualify while completing requirements for either the Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma