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Anderson County Exemplary Student

A Scholarship and Recognition Program Sponsored by:
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce
in Partnership with
Anderson County Schools

Mission Statement

The ACES Program provides the support for students to attain higher levels of academic achievement and become responsible students and good citizens of Anderson County.

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“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

Albert Schweitzer

Congratulations ACES Students!

The Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation congratulates you on making the ACES commitment! Striving to maintain the ACES standards throughout your high school career will give you a great start to a successful future. Please read this booklet carefully and keep it handy for your reference. It contains all the forms you will need. Please make copies of forms as you need them. Keep the originals in the booklet so you can make future copies as needed.

If you have questions, you may call the Chamber of Commerce office at 457-2559 or call Kelly Lenz at 457-1649. Thank you for making the decision to excel. Keep up the good work! You'll be glad you did.

Sincerely,
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce
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What is ACES?

- The ACES program is a joint effort between the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce and Anderson County Schools. A scholarship opportunity is offered to students who meet the requirements.

Why is the Chamber doing this?

- Local business and industry are committed to help produce well-trained, reliable, and responsible employees in Anderson County. They want to encourage students to become high school graduates who are academic achievers and good citizens.

What courses will I need to be in the ACES program?

Most of these courses are also graduation requirements, with a few extras.

- English: 4 credits
- Math: 4 credits
- Science: 4 credits
- Social studies: 3 credits
- Technical or Foreign Language: 2 credits
- Computer related course: 1 credit

What grades do I need to maintain?

- At the end of each school year, you must have a 3.0+ GPA (grade point average) if you took regular level courses. Students who took honors or AP courses must have a year-end GPA of 2.75+ to qualify.
- Grades in technical courses must be an A or B.
- Foreign language grades must be at least a C.
- ACT scores must be 19 or higher in English, Math and Reading by the end of your senior year.

What else do I need for the ACES program?

- 95% or greater yearly attendance (No more than 9 days absent per school year!)
- 20 hours *minimum* a year of *documented* community service (more hours are better)
- Take one career planning assessment sometime during high school (given at school)
- Never, ever get suspended from school! (Fresh start each year.)

So what's in it for me?

- You will be recognized yearly with your name in the local papers.
- Chamber of Commerce members will receive the names of ACES students for possible job opportunities.
- You will be recognized at graduation ceremonies.
- You will have the opportunity to qualify for a scholarship when you graduate! Number of scholarships awarded will depend on how many students qualify. (The *goal* is to award scholarships to *all* qualifying students. However, this will depend on the amount of money in the fund at the time awards are made.)
- First consideration for scholarships will be given to students who have achieved the ACES standards for all 4 years of high school.

ACES ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Directions: When you complete a requirement, check it off. This will help you keep track of your eligibility to apply for an ACES scholarship.

ACADEMICS

Courses

English Courses:

Math Courses:

Science Courses:

Social Studies Courses:

Foreign Language **OR** Technical:

Grade must be C or better.

Grade must be B or better.

Grade_____

Grade_____

Grade_____

Grade_____

Computer related Course:

YEARLY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.75 GPA required if honors courses taken
- 3.0 GPA required if regular courses taken
- Absences over 9 days per school year must have waiver request submitted to ACES committee
- 20 hours MINIMUM of community service per school year (summers count toward the following year)

9th Grade:

Any honors courses? End of Year GPA: Any suspensions?

of days missed: # of Community Service hours:

10th Grade:

Any honors courses? End of Year GPA: Any suspensions?

of days missed: # of Community Service hours:

11th Grade:

Any honors courses? End of Year GPA: Any suspensions?

of days missed: # of Community Service hours:

12th Grade:

Any honors courses? End of Year GPA: Any suspensions?

of days missed: # of Community Service hours:

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Highest ACT sub-scores (19 required): English Math Reading

Career Planning Assessment completed? (Example: Kuder, PLAN etc.)

Any attendance waivers requested?

ACES COMMUNITY SERVICE TRACKING FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I ATTEND: _____ Anderson County High School _____ Clinton High School

I WILL GRADUATE IN THE YEAR OF: _____

MY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASS YEAR, (circle one):

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

DATE	ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY PERFORMED	HOURS COMPLETED	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

RETURN FORM TO YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE OR THE ANDERSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Requirement:

- 20 hours of community service per year
- Students may do volunteer hours during the summer, but these hours would be counted towards the upcoming school year. (For example, summer volunteer hours completed between your freshmen and sophomore year would be counted towards your sophomore ACES requirements.)
- Please note that an activity is not considered a volunteer, community service activity if you are paid.

Form Completion:

- Students are required to record their community service hours on the “ACES Community Service Tracking Form” found within this packet. Extra copies are available in the guidance office.
- Students must fill out the form completely, including the volunteer activity and hours completed.
- All community service hours must be signed off by an adult who is supervising the community service or is aware of your duties.
- Students who complete more than 20 hours may feel free to also document this on their sheets.
- Turn in completed forms to your school’s ACES Coordinator in the guidance office.

Anderson County High School: Tiffany Bale

Clinton High School: Sheila Skeans

Due Date for Community Service Forms:

- Freshmen, Sophomore & Junior Classes: last day of the school each year
- Senior Class: February 28th

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPTIONS

Listed below are some ideas to help students with this process.

References & Resources to Consult:

- The Kids Guide to Service Projects by Barbara A. Lewis (May be available in guidance.)
- NYLC (National Youth Leadership Council): 612-631-3672
- Youth Service America: 202-296-2992

Church Functions

- Youth Groups – activities that are community service related
- Church Food Pantries or Angel Trees at Christmas time
- Work Days at Church
- Mission Trips

Charitable Organizations (See p. 12 for partial list of local organizations)

- Community-based non-profit organizations
- Faith-based non-profit organizations

Civic Group Projects (Consider helping your parents on a project if they belong to a civic group.)

- Civitan
- Kiwanis
- * Lions Club
- * Rotary Club

American Cancer Society Relay for Life (May or June) Note: Call Kelly Lenz at 457-1649 for information.

- Participate on a Team
- Help with Set-up/Clean-up of Event
- Volunteer time as a Performer/Entertainment, Etc.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Projects

School Clubs

- Anchor Club, Key Club, Leo Club, National Honor Society, NJROTC, SADD, Student Council, etc.
- Community Projects Related to These Clubs (Example: planting trees, recycling projects or contests, food drives, etc.)

Walks/Runs/Bike Rides for Charities (Count time spent fundraising as well as completing the event.)

- Diabetes Walk * Race for a Cure – Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer
- MS 100 Bicycle Ride * Walk for Life
- Buddy’s Race for the Cure * Run for the Rose – Oak Ridge

Miscellaneous Volunteer Options

- Clean-up days at local parks, rivers, etc.
- Norris Dam State Park
- Road-side clean up with various organizations

- Elderly citizens – assist them with housekeeping, lawn care, running errands, etc.
- Hospital volunteer
- Library volunteer
- Nursing home visitations, performances at nursing homes or other community events
- Serve Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner at a homeless shelter
- Volunteer time with various employers or organizations (Example: Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

- Adopt a special needs student to buddy with
- Tutor a fellow student
- Help at a daycare, read books to kids

- Help coach a youth sports team
- Help with the Special Olympics or help a student train for the Special Olympics (202-628-3630)

FIND A NEED & CREATE A WAY TO MEET IT!

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.”

-Edmund Burke

Award Winning Community Service Ideas

Source: Prudential Spirit of Community Award materials.
Thanks to Mary Tuskan, CHS, for editing the list for ACES.

1. Arrange with a church group to create your own mission. Find an impoverished community (U.S. or abroad), raise money for a specific cause: towards a new school, clinic, for medicine, for books, etc.
2. Organize a school book drive for inner city or rural elementary schools. Ask people to donate new or barely used children's books for the school or library.
3. Volunteer at a food bank or food pantry.
4. Raise money for programs that provide food and clothing for the poor.
5. Tutor low-income elementary or middle school youth after school or weekends.
6. Raise money for an organized charity like MDA, Am. Cancer Society, Humane Society, etc.
7. Launch a letter writing campaign for a "cause" of your choice.
8. Organize an "angel project" at Christmas to provide for poor families. Organize a party, with "Santa" to distribute the gifts.
9. Volunteer to do craft projects at a senior citizen shelter or nursing home.
10. Raise money to provide bullet proof vests to police and their canine units.
11. Ask people to donate turkeys at Thanksgiving and give to local food pantries.
12. Collect aluminum cans and donate proceeds to a charity.
13. Work with the foreign language teachers & foreign language club to create an elementary foreign language curriculum.
14. Organize a senior prom for senior citizens!!
15. Organize community service projects for all the ACES students.
16. Collect used eyeglasses to donate to the poor.
17. Find out what can be done to help those with HIV/AIDS.
18. Collect dog and cat food for poor people to feed their pets.
19. Are you good in Spanish? Donate your time to help migrant children learn English.
20. Volunteer at Ronald McDonald house.
21. Be the "organ donation" awareness person for the school. Organize a campaign about the importance of organ donations.
22. Organize a puppet or clown troupe and perform at children's hospitals, Headstart or Daycare centers.
23. Organize a walk-a-thon for a charity.
24. Organize a tutoring program for homeless or shelter kids.
25. Save the whales, endangered species, rainforest, etc. Many online sites for that!
26. Organize an "Adopt a Grandparent" program at a local nursing home or get name of senior citizens from local churches.

27. Collect used musical instruments to donate to inner city or rural schools.
28. Band kids can donate free music lessons
29. Collect toiletries or makeup for battered women's shelters.
30. Save our local creeks and rivers! Work with biology teachers or scouts.
31. Collect socks or coats for the poor.
32. Collect school supplies in the early fall for inner city or rural school kids.
33. Collect new toys/books for Christmas or Easter.
34. Do an awareness campaign for a disease like Cystic Fibrosis, or an Anti-smoking campaign.
35. Organize a safe driving or seat belt campaign.
36. Collect good shoes for a third world country.
37. Run a community campaign to build a decent skate park.
38. Art students can donate their art to local daycares or hospitals/clinics.
39. Provide bag of goodies for foster care kids who sometimes have only a garbage bag of clothes.
40. Find volunteer programs elem. Kids can do and organize a volunteer group for them.
41. Create a website of local volunteer activities for our students.
42. Ask local businesses if they need help with beautifying their grounds (library, daycare centers, charities, churches etc.)
43. Organize a neighborhood one day "camp" with your friends—invite all local area children. Create games, entertainment, food booths and get donated prizes.
44. Create a TV program for a "cause" and show on local access cable.
45. Work with special education teachers to design "extracurricular activities" for high-needs students.
46. Draw cards, get them printed to sell and donate proceeds to a charity.
47. Plant a vegetable garden and donate summer crops to a local food pantry.
48. Singing students: Organize a concert and donate proceeds to a charity.
49. Athletes: mentor at-risk elementary kids. Organize sports events with them.
50. Work with a teacher to organize a group of students who reach out to isolated or lonely students at school.
51. Sew or knit/crochet simple items for nursing homes, stuffed animals for children's hospitals or bibs for new moms, scarves for the winter etc.
52. Writers: write a children's book or a short play, publish it or act it out, and donate proceeds to a charity.
53. Collect old ink cartridges, batteries, or motor oil. Save the planet!
54. Organize a 5-K race for a cause.

*"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."
-Theodore Roosevelt*

LOCAL AGENCIES TO CONTACT FOR POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICE

American Red Cross	865-483-5641
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce (Spring & Fall Antiques Festival set-up, Christmas Parade, etc.)	865-457-2559
Anderson County Community Action Commission	865-475-5500
Anderson County Health Council – Healthy Start	865-457-4300
Anderson County Youth Fair Board	
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of TN Valley, Inc.	865-523-2179
Boy Scouts of America	865-588-6514
Boys Club of Oak Ridge	865-482-4433
Children’s Museum of Oak Ridge	865-482-1074
Community Mediation Services (TMP & VORP)	865-457-5400, Ext 252
Department of Children’s Services	865-457-5960, Ext 140
Department of Human Services	865-457-3660, Ext 123
Emory Valley Center	865-482-4081
Girl Scouts – Tanasi Council, Inc.	865-688-9440
Girls Inc. of Oak Ridge	865-482-4475
Goodwill Industries of Knoxville, Inc.	865-588-8567
Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce)	865-482-1272
Keystone Elder Day Care Center	865-483-4357
MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)	865-494-5910
NHC Health Care	865-482-7698
Family Resource Centers	
Oak Ridge – Willow Brook Elementary School	865-482-8318
Norwood Elementary School	865-435-6556
Lake City Middle School	865-426-7876
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic	865-482-3496
Ridgeview Hospital	865-482-1076
Scarboro Day Care Center	865-483-6871
YWCA	865-482-9922

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

-Anne Frank

ACES Scholarship Application

Cover Page

Directions

Complete and submit the following forms, *in the order listed*, to your school's ACES coordinator* by **March 1st** of your senior year:

- Cover Page
- Application
- ACES Eligibility Checklist

*Anderson County High School ACES Coordinator: Tiffany Bale

*Clinton High School ACES Coordinator: Sheila Skeans

Demographic Information

Name: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ACT Composite Score: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: ____/____

ACES Mission Statement

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ACES Scholarship Application

Post Secondary Education Plans

School: _____ Major: _____

Expected date of enrollment: _____

Career Plans

Describe your career plans:

ACES Community Service Reflection

Describe your most meaningful experience in community service:

How have the ACES standards helped you grow as a community member?

ACES Program Waiver Request for Excused Absences

Standard: *ACES students will have a 95% or higher attendance rate each school year.* Any student missing more than 9 days per school year must submit this waiver request to be considered for ACES eligibility. Only excused absences will be considered.

Name of student (please print) _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____

Dates of excused absences being considered in this request:

Attach an explanation for each absence.

For teachers:

This student has shown responsibility in making up missed assignment(s) and/or test(s) for the absences listed above. I support the student's request for waiving of these absences.

Teacher signature:

Block 1 _____ Subject _____

Block 2 _____ Subject _____

Block 3 _____ Subject _____

Block 4 _____ Subject _____

Student Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

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ACES Review Committee

Approved _____ Not approved _____

Committee members' signatures:

