



Are you planning a summer youth program that engages 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th graders?

Middle school students can earn **\$500** education awards for volunteering this summer!

ManaTEENs, a program of Volunteer Manatee, is hosting Summer of Service (SOS), an environmental stewardship volunteer program throughout Manatee and Sarasota counties, [beginning June 10 and ending August 21.](#)

The first 180 rising 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders who register and successfully complete 100 hours of direct service and 25 hours in training by participating in ManaTEEN approved activities, events, and programs that promote environmental protection, will receive \$500 education awards. Students can utilize the scholarships for up to 10 years.

Add SOS to YOUR Youth Program Schedule. It's Easy!

- 1) Contact Ashley Bower at 941-761-3207 or email summerofservice@live.com for registration forms.
- 2) Distribute forms to all youth in your program. Collect and submit completed registrations to ManaTEENs.
Youth, ages 8 – 21, can volunteer in Summer of Service to earn hours toward graduation requirements or college scholarship applications, but only the first 180 rising 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders who successfully complete SOS requirements can earn the SOS education awards of \$500.
- 3) Promote the calendar of SOS activities among youth and parent/guardians. (Calendar will be available online, keep checking website for updates)
- 4) Participate as a group in SOS activities when possible.
- 5) Submit your own ideas for environmental activity projects to HandsOn Manatee - ManaTEENs for consideration as approved SOS activities.
(i.e. Campouts, community gardens, beach clean ups, etc.)
- 6) Track and document youth service, submitting required activity forms/surveys to HandsOn Manatee - ManaTEENs in a timely manner.

There is **no cost** for SOS participation!

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