



frequently asked questions

There are only 180 educational awards available at \$500 each. What happens if 181 or more middle school youth successfully complete Summer of Service?

We hope that 500 or more students engage in environmental volunteer projects this summer, completing 100 hours of service and 25 hours of training! ManaTEENs will track, document, and record all of the service hours earned by youth, building their individual resumes as they continue to volunteer throughout middle and high school. However, Summer of Service 2010 can only recognize the first 180 middle school students who complete the program with a \$500 educational award.

When do the first 180 middle school students who complete Summer of Service receive the money?

The \$500 education award is held in trust by the Corporation for National and Community Service in the youth volunteer's name. The volunteer will have up to 10 years to utilize the funds for postsecondary educational opportunities.

Do participants have to attend an orientation prior to participating in XTreme ManaTEEN Summer of Service?

Yes. There is a pre-participation survey that must be completed prior to earning service hours during Summer of Service. ManaTEENs will host several orientations at various locations and times in Manatee County during the second week of June 2010. Community Centers, communities of faith, and other civic partners with youth groups interested in participating can host orientations on site to make it convenient for youth and their families.

Is transportation provided to projects?

XTreme ManaTEENs Summer of Service will host many projects to protect and preserve the environment in neighborhoods where participants reside in Manatee County. Boats will be utilized to transport volunteers to projects off the coast. However, families will need to provide their own transportation for a majority of the XTreme ManaTEEN Summer of Service projects.

Is there a cost to participate in Summer of Service?

No. Thanks to the support of Learn & Serve America (CNCS), Innovations for Civic Participation (ICP), and local partnerships, Hands On Manatee and ManaTEENs can offer this program at no cost to participants.

I'll be in high school in the fall. Can I participate?

Of course! And, if you're going to be in the 9th grade, you can earn the \$500 education award, too (as long as you are one of the first 180 students to complete the program) because 9th grade is considered "middle school" in other states.

I live in DeSoto County. Can I participate?

Yes! Summer of Service opportunities are open to students in DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. Keep in mind, however, that most projects will be hosted in Manatee and Sarasota counties.