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Students are encouraged to browse www.mcpsssl.org for volunteer opportunities. To find service opportunities specifically for students under the age of 14, go to the MCPS SSL web site. In the blue box under Pre-Approved Service Opportunities, click on Find Opportunities Now. Scroll down and click on the link for Opportunities for volunteers under 14 years old in the column titled Opportunities by Location.

All service must be performed with an approved, non-profit organization. To avoid disappointment, students should check the list of MCPS approved organizations well before performing service. Do not assume that because the student, siblings or friends have performed a service with a particular organization in the past that the organization is still on the approved list. Don't take the organization's word for it that they are approved. Organizations must maintain their pre-approved status with MCPS, and sometimes their approved status has lapsed.

When checking the list, be sure that **both** the organization and the activity are tagged as "MCPS SSL APPROVED". The list is maintained for MCPS by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, which has many volunteer opportunities that are NOT MCPS approved. If you see an organization that is tagged as "MCPS SSL APPROVED", with either no corresponding opportunity or an opportunity that is not tagged as "MCPS SSL APPROVED", the activity requires submission of a pre-approval request in advance of the service.

Be aware that MCPS will not award Service Learning credit for any type of door to door solicitation, no matter what the cause or who the sponsoring organization might be.

The Superintendent's SSL Award
The MCPS Superintendent's Student Service Learning Award is given to students who have documented in their service-learning record **75 hours of service** by the first Friday in April of a middle school year.

Students who have already received this award for past years will not be recognized again. Students interested in earning this award must turn in all verification forms to Ms. Carroll by the first Friday in April. Students may submit verification forms at the SSL drop box across from the cafeteria or in Lab 254. Please contact Ms. Carroll if you have any questions at Bethany_Carroll@mcpsmd.org.

The Lions Young Service Leaders in Service Awards
Robert Frost MS students may apply for the Lions Young Service in Service Awards. The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards recognize students who provide significant levels of service to their communities. There are two award levels:

- The Silver Seal Award is for students who earn at least 50 hours of service during the program year.
- The Gold Seal Award is for students who earn at least 100 hours of service during the program year.

Students who achieve an award level will receive recognition from Lions Club International and the Rockville Lions Club. Top service volunteers at each school will also be recognized with a special award from the Rockville Club. The program year runs from June 1 – May 1. *This means that any hours of service completed during the summer of count!* Students may pick up an application packet across from the SSL bulletin board or contact Craig Cano at cscano@aol.com for more information.

All applications are due by the first Friday in May. Students should submit their application to Ms. Carroll in Lab 254.

SSL Deadlines:

If hours were earned:	Verification Form is Due:	2011-2012 Dates:
during the 2011 summer	the last Friday in September	September 30, 2011
during the 1st semester	the Friday before exams begin	January 6, 2012
during the 2nd semester	the Friday before exams begin	June 1, 2012

For more information regarding SSL, visit www.mcpsssl.org.