What Counts as Validated Service?
At Elon, service is defined as work accomplished through direct service, indirect service or advocacy with domestic and international communities. Validated student service can occur whenever a student is enrolled at Elon University, which includes times when school is not in session. These hours can be completed individually by students, part of an academic course, with a student organization, or with a campus department.

Why Validate Your Service Hours?
While service is not about counting or quantity, your service hours are added on to your Elon Experiences Transcript (EET). The EET (available on OnTrack) provides students and prospective employers a validated record of students’ service during college.

Where Can I Engage With Service?
Service can be with non-profit organizations, non-governmental agencies, governmental programs, schools, church programs that serve a community need, and organizations that serve high-need populations.

Fundraising/Philanthropy
Fundraising and Philanthropy can be validated as indirect service. Hours can be validated for students who organize the event and students that participate in the event. Student participation will only be counted if the philanthropy event has no restrictions and is open to the public.

Advocacy/Activism
Advocacy, awareness, community organizing, voter registration can be validated as service. Validated service hours for advocacy should be related to awareness and education around a community issue. While campaigning for a political candidate does not qualify for validated service; voter registration does qualify as validated student service.

Service Trips/Alternative Breaks
Service immersion experiences may be validated as student service for up to eight hours per day.

What Does NOT Count as Validated Student Service?
Validated student service does NOT include:
- work on political campaigns
- paid or volunteer work for an Elon department
- Student Conduct restitution hours or court-ordered volunteer hours
- Service to the University (Orientation Leaders, Resident Assistants, etc)

How To Validate:
After you complete your service, fill out the appropriate validation form (Individual, Group, or Academic Service-Learning). Please make sure to include all required information, including email addresses. That form must be signed by a representative of the community agency, student leader, or organization advisor who can verify the service was completed. Hours are then entered into our on-line database and will appear on your EET.

Questions? Email validation@elon.edu