HISTORY
The Class of 2008 Community Service Program was established by parents and grandparents of the Class of 2008 as a gift to Woodberry Forest.

The program enhances Woodberry’s commitment to service learning by providing resources for students who wish to spearhead a service project during the school year or the summer.

ELIGIBILITY
Any full-time student at Woodberry Forest School may submit a service project proposal for consideration.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES
Interested students should contact Director of Summer Programs David Mabe to confirm interest and then prepare a written proposal that:
• Outlines your idea in detail
• Describes why you have an interest in that idea
• Provides a list of participants
• Presents a carefully considered budget

Proposals for summer projects are due in January. If the desired project has a specific date for completion, the proposal must be submitted at least two months before the desired start date.

SELECTION AND FUNDING
A faculty selection committee will review the submitted proposals and conduct interviews with the applicants.

Class of 2008 Service Fellows working on summer projects will be announced before Long Winter Weekend. More than one student may qualify and receive funding for a service project in any given year.

COMPLETION
Upon completion, students must provide a written description of the project, along with photos, for use in school publications and on the Woodberry website.

“Our project began with the idea of giving back to Madison County, which has given so much to Woodberry,” wrote Avery and Jackson Warmack ’19. They applied for and were awarded funds through a grant from the Class of 2008 Community Service Fund to buy bins and other supplies for the collection of donations from fellow students during dorm clean out.

They modeled their plan on similar programs on college campuses, though their concept benefits the community outside Woodberry. The brothers worked with the dean of students’ office and distributed color-coded hampers to each dormitory. They created a tagging system so boys could place larger items outside their dorm rooms as they packed to leave campus. Then Jackson and Avery delivered over two hundred pounds of food, clothing, and school supplies — and a check earned by selling donated textbooks — to a local emergency services organization over the summer.