

The True Meaning of Community Service. This talks about how to get involved in community service and what it really means to help others.



Community service is when you do something for someone else without the intentions of getting a reward or money. This service should benefit someone other than yourself and it should be done because you would like to help and not because you are required to. ***Also, this service should involve you with members of your community in some way.***

In order to participate and get involved in community service, you can get information from a school or any other place of education. You can also offer your services to teachers. A few places that may require some type of service in your local areas are parks, libraries, and nursing homes. Since parks are visited constantly, they need constant maintenance. This is where you come in. You can sign up to clean parks and receive acknowledgement for your actions. At a library, you can help by putting books in place or simple things such as showing people how to locate books around the library. Also, tutoring children can be seen as an act of community service. The need for assistance is growing in nursing homes. If you have a passion for helping people in need and enjoy hearing stories about the past, the nursing home might be a perfect place to volunteer at. Volunteering is an aspect of community service. When you volunteer, you sign up willingly knowing that you will not receive any type of gift. However, you will feel good knowing that you helped others and made a change in people's lives.

Some of the benefits of participating in community service activities include getting the satisfaction of knowing that you were able to have some sort of effect in someone's life. Although this shouldn't be your main focus when doing community service, colleges love to see that you are an active member of your community. It doesn't hurt to volunteer to have a better resume but you should also do it because you want to help others. You also get to experience new things and find out a lot about your surroundings. Who knows, maybe you will even make many friends. Depending on where you choose to do your community service at, you may gain a great deal of knowledge that will somehow improve your school grades. Your parents will also be proud of you if they find out that you are giving back to your community. Most importantly, the people you help will remember you as a person that lent a helping hand when they were in need. The benefits of participation in community service activities are endless. Whether you are helping someone directly or cleaning a park, someone somewhere is glad you were there to help.

Community service can impact you as a citizen in your own community by helping to boost your appearance in your neighborhood. You will go home every day knowing that you made the neighborhood a better place. If you choose to volunteer for something that you enjoy, who knows, maybe you will choose to pursue a career in whatever you do. It is important that you pick a volunteer service that is right for you. For instance, if you are impatient, you most likely shouldn't work with children or the elderly. Direct community work such as painting or cleaning would be better for you. There are endless chances to do community services. It's only a matter of where you look and how dedicated you are to your duties as a citizen of your community.

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