

Sample Service Learning Projects

Applicable to Specific Academic Subjects

Possible projects listed below may apply to more than one major or field of interest. Lists supply general ideas; additional projects are always possible and readily available in the community.

Accounting

Accounting assistance with various community organizations
Free income tax preparation

Animal Science

Fundraiser for animal shelter
Care for elderly or neighborhood pets
Dog-walking service
Adopt a zoo animal program
Assist an endangered animal lobby group

Art

Volunteer as a docent, teacher, or coordinator for a local art center or show
Offer a free adult continuing education course during the evening at the local high school
Assemble craft kits for children or elderly in medical centers or safe homes

Business

Career Fair
Market research of charitable and non-profit organizations
Assist elderly or disabled with finances and balancing checkbook
Resume assistance and advice
Job training skills program

Criminal Science/Law Enforcement

Teddy bear drive for police and fire departments
Activity/lesson at domestic violence center
Volunteer to help with police/fireman ball
Start neighborhood watch program
Clean up local vandalism
Bike safety fair

Education

Assist elementary teachers on various classroom activities
Compile school kits for humanitarian centers
Provide lessons/activities for homeless children schools and children's hospital

English/Communications/Writing

Write a persuasive essay as a proposal for change letter (to editor, policymaker, &c.)
Revise a research project to an alternative genre for presentation to an appropriate outside audience.
Tutor at elementary, head start, or humanitarian centers
Reading programs and assistance for K-12 and children's hospitals
English as a second language evening courses at adult continuing education programs
Transcribe oral histories for Utah Historical Society
Reading for the blind programs
Book drive for local shelters or children's hospitals
Book sale with proceeds donated to local literacy program
Welcome kits for new neighbors

Family Science

Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaign
Toy, food or clothes drive for local shelters
Volunteer as rocker in hospital nursery
YMCA, YWCA
Compile and sell international or local customs cookbook and donate funds to a shelter
Homeless children school assistance
Daycare center for single parents looking for a job
After school daycare program

Film

Documentary on a social issue to be shown in a relevant course

Foreign Languages

College and high school tutoring
After school K-6 program
Translate state and local government documents and websites
International Rescue Committee volunteer

Heath/Physical Education

Volunteer to assist with after school sports or coach local team
Special Olympics- main event or specific sport
Activity at rehabilitation center
Organize community awareness program on drug abuse, etc.

History

Volunteer at museum, historical society, or living history centers
Native American Resource Center
Welfare programs

Interior Design

Volunteers for Design Awareness week
Items made and donated to YMCA or other charitable/needful organizations
Design and donate blankets for newborns, homeless, and so forth

Information Technology

Computer placement with low-income families
Website development with learning centers
College newspaper publication
Assist with computer training for immigrants, homeless, elderly, or those seeking to improve skills for job qualifications
Technology support with schools and community organizations
Network installation and maintenance

Math

After school tutor for K-12
Free college tutoring
(Similar projects listed in Business)

Medical Careers

Blood pressure readings
Volunteer medical internships with health and medical centers
Organize activity at senior center or children's hospital
Volunteer at hospital greeting desk or in children's reading/activity room

Music & Sound Production

Performance at Senior Center or children's hospital
Benefit concert with proceeds donated to local charity or music program in community
Teach music to K-6 children
Produce public service announcements or other media on local services and events

Political Science

Assist on federal research grants
Aid in state and local government sponsored projects (4H, etc)
Federal and state parks
Assist police during community parades
Involvement in political campaigns and lobby groups
Volunteer for political party office assistance
Voter registration

Science (Botany/Geography/Geology/Chemistry/Biology/Environmental Science)

Sponsor local community garden project or beautifying project
Plant a tree program (Arbor Day)
Recycling campaign
Science fair for K-12 schools
Trail maintenance with national and state parks
Assist in vandalism clean up in national parks (Arches program)
Organize natural disaster workshop for school or community
Serve as volunteer for park service or forestry
Science tutor for K-12 and college level

Theater

Benefit program with proceeds to a local theater program or charitable organization
Volunteer as at local theater or orchestra performance

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