Volunteer Websites

Explore the following websites for volunteer opportunities:

Serve DC—The Mayor’s Office on Volunteering
www.serve.dc.gov

The Corporation for National and Community Service
www.serve.gov

Volunteer.gov
www.volunteer.gov/results.cfm

Volunteer Match
www.volunteermatch.org

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.
—Margaret Mead
### Volunteer Site Examples

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<th><strong>Share Our Strength</strong></th>
<th><strong>So Others Might Eat (SOME)</strong></th>
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<td>Organize and execute a bake sale or other projects to raise money.</td>
<td>Prepare and serve food to the hungry and those in need.</td>
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<td>1730 M St NW Suite 700 · Washington DC</td>
<td>71 O Street NW · Washington DC</td>
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<td>Phone: (800) 761-4227</td>
<td>Website: <a href="http://www.some.org/volunteer/">www.some.org/volunteer/</a></td>
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<td>Phone: (202) 787-8806</td>
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<th><strong>Higher Achievement</strong></th>
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<td>Help close the opportunity gap for middle school youth.</td>
<td>Have a powerful and positive impact on the lives of young people.</td>
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<td>317 8th St NE Washington DC</td>
<td>741 8th St SE · Washington DC</td>
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<td>Phone: (202) 544-3633</td>
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<th><strong>DC Public Library</strong></th>
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<td>Help out at your local library.</td>
<td>Volunteer through tree planting, tree care, and advocacy.</td>
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<td>901 G St NW Washington DC</td>
<td>3030 12th St NE · Washington DC</td>
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<td>Phone: (202) 741-5803</td>
<td>Phone: (202) 349-1907</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:libraryvolunteers@dc.gov">libraryvolunteers@dc.gov</a></td>
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<th><strong>Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)</strong></th>
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<td>Provides free recreational opportunities to children and youth.</td>
<td>Help as a candy striper or other areas at the hospital.</td>
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<td>PO BOX 341590 · Bethesda MD</td>
<td>2041 Georgia Ave · Washington DC</td>
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<td>Website: <a href="http://www.keengreaterdc.org/volunteers">http://www.keengreaterdc.org/volunteers</a></td>
<td>Website: <a href="http://huhealthcare.com/community/community-services">http://huhealthcare.com/community/community-services</a></td>
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<td>Phone: (301) 770-3200</td>
<td>Phone: (202) 865-4238</td>
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**Martha’s Table**
Volunteers are critical to the success of Martha’s Table. Volunteers range in age from elementary students to retirees.
2114 14th Street NW Washington D.C.
Phone: 202-328-6608 ext. 212
Website: www.marthastable.org/volunteer/
Email: volunteer@marthastable.org

**Boys and Girls Clubs**
Help boys and girls build confidence, develop character and acquire skills.
4103 Benning Road NE · Washington DC
Website: www.bgcgw.org/volunteer/
Phone: (202) 540-2300

**Advocates for Justice and Education**
Help out at the parent training and information center. (16+)
1012 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington DC
Website: www.aje-dc.org
Phone: (202) 678-8060

**Green America**
Help further Green America’s mission of using economic power to help
1612 K St NW · Washington DC
Website: http://www.greenamerica.org/supportus/volunteer.cfm
Phone: (800) 584-7336

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DCPS Community Service Requirement

The DCPS community service requirement states:

All students must complete at least 100 hours of community service in order to obtain a high school diploma from DCPS. There is no maximum. In order to stay on track for graduation each student should complete at least 25 hours per year:

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This guide will help you understand the requirement and make the most of your volunteering experience. You will not graduate unless you complete 100 volunteer hours. However, these hours can be fulfilling and meaningful and help further your college and career aspirations. Every employer and college admissions counselor will see the value in your volunteer hours, and so will you!

Let’s start by clarifying the requirement itself:

All community service hours must be completed through a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization or a federal, state or local government agency.

501(c)(3) organizations are tax-exempt charitable organizations that apply for and meet requirements set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). A more comprehensive list of 501(c)(3) organizations can be found at [www2.guidestar.org](http://www2.guidestar.org) or on pages 12-15 of this student guide.

Examples include:
- American Red Cross
- DC Habitat for Humanity
- Washington Humane Society

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**Food and Friends**  
Prepares packages and delivers meals and groceries to people living with HIV/  
219 Riggs Road, NE ·Washington DC  
Website: [http://www.foodandfriends.org/site/pp.asp?c=ckLS8NNId2G]&b=8486281  
Phone: (202) 269-2277

**Metro Teen AIDS**  
Work in the community as an AIDS educator or assist in community outreach. (16+)  
651 Pennsylvania Ave. SE ·WDC  
Website: [http://metroteenaids.org/site/f-a-q/](http://metroteenaids.org/site/f-a-q/)  
Phone: (202) 543-8246

**National Aquarium (16+)**  
Interact with guests through exhibit interpretation and educational carts.  
1401 Constitution Ave · Washington DC  
Website: [http://www.aqua.org/contribute/volunteer](http://www.aqua.org/contribute/volunteer)  
Phone: (202) 482-2825

**Washington Humane Society**  
Helps thousands of the District’s homeless, abused,  
7319 Georgia Ave NW ·Washington DC  
Website: [http://support.washhumane.org/site/PageServer](http://support.washhumane.org/site/PageServer)  
Phone: (202) 723-2071 ext. 133

**IONA Senior Services**  
Support people as they experience the challenges and opportunities of aging.  
4125 Albemarle St NW ·Washington DC  
Website: [http://www.iona.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer-your-time.html](http://www.iona.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer-your-time.html)  
Phone: (202) 895-9425

**Seabury Resources for Aging**  
Help provide basic home maintenance services to older  
4201 Butterworth Place NW ·WDC  
Website: [http://www.seaburyresources.org/volunteer/index.html](http://www.seaburyresources.org/volunteer/index.html)  
Phone: (202) 414-6315

**Habitat for Humanity DC**  
Eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation’s capital. (16+)  
2115 Ward Ct NW, Suite 100 · Washington DC  
Website: [www.dchabitat.org/volunteer/](http://www.dchabitat.org/volunteer/)  
Phone: (202) 882-4600

**National Mall–National Park Service**  
Volunteer at the National  
3545 Williamsburg Ln NW Washington DC  
Website: [http://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm)  
Phone: (202) 426-6841
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**Community Education Group**
Advocate and educate the DC community on the HIV/AIDS problems affecting the city.
3233 Pennsylvania Ave SE -Washington DC
Website: http://communityeducationgroup.org/index.php/hiv_in_dc/take_action/
Phone: (202) 543-2376.

**Lucky Dog Animal Rescue**
Help save the lives of homeless animals and educate the community.
(12+ with parent, 18+ without)
3636 Winfield Lane NW · Washington DC
Website: http://www.luckydoganimalrescue.org/volunteer
Phone: (202) 741-5428.

**Armed Forces Retirement Home**
Help veterans who are residing in this
3700 N. Capitol St NW · Washington DC
Website: https://www.afrh.gov/afrh/team/volunteer.htm
Phone: (202) 541-7627 9425

**DC Department of Parks and Recreation**
Provides quality urban recreation and leisure services for residents and visitors to the District of Columbia.
1250 U Street NW · Washington DC
Website: www.dpr.dc.gov
Phone: (202) 671-0129

**Federal, state and local government agencies** are any agencies that provide some regulatory service or enforcement and are responsible for the oversight and administration of a specific government function. A comprehensive list of federal, state and local organizations can be found at the following websites:

**Federal Government Agencies**

**Examples include:**
- United States Department of Justice
- United States Department of Agriculture
- White House

**State/Local Government Agencies**
http://dc.gov/directory

**Examples include:**
- Executive Office of the Mayor, District of Columbia
- Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia
- DC Parks and Recreation, District of Columbia

**Types of Service:** There are three types of service: direct service, indirect service, and advocacy.

1. **Direct Service:** Includes tutoring, mentoring, and other forms of face-to-face contact between students and recipients of the project
2. **Indirect Service:** Includes fundraising, collections, and other forms of support provided by students for others engaged in direct service
3. **Advocacy:** Includes letter-writing, public relations efforts, and other means of trying to influence citizens and policymakers to change their behavior.
Steps to Volunteer

1. **Find your volunteer area of interest**
   - Think about your interests and desired career path and choose a volunteer site that best fits YOU.
   - Example: If you love animals and want to be a veterinarian, choose a volunteer site where you can work with animals.
   - Use available resources to research various options.
   - Have backups sites identified!
   - Remember that in addition to the graduation requirement, this is a great opportunity for YOU and YOUR COMMUNITY.

2. **Contact your desired volunteer sites**
   - Let the sites know your interest in volunteering and ask them about the next steps in becoming a volunteer.
   - Do not get discouraged if you do not hear a response or if the site cannot accommodate you. Remember, if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again!

3. **Complete pre-volunteering requirements**
   - For example, if you need to fill out a volunteer application and a background check, be sure to have these done BEFORE your first day.
   - Identify an on-site supervisor who can track and record your hours
   - Get a DCPS Community Service: Project and Hours form from your school counselor or community service coordinator.

4. **Head to your site!**
   - Be on time to volunteer, with a smile on your face and a positive attitude.
   - Remember that you are representing yourself, your school, and DC Public Schools as a whole, so show them how awesome we are!

5. **Record your hours**
   - Record your hours on the DCPS Community Service: Project and Hours form. Make sure your supervisor signs it.
   - Bring your complete community service record sheet to your high school counselor or community service coordinator.

Volunteer Sites – Explore at least two or more of the sites below:

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<td>National Service</td>
<td>Volunteer.gov</td>
<td><a href="http://www.volunteer.gov/gov">www.volunteer.gov/gov</a></td>
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The following opportunities look interesting to me:
- 501 (c) (3) ____________________________________________________________
- Federal Agency ______________________________________________________
- District Government _________________________________________________

The opportunity that I will follow up with will be:
____________________________________________________________________

Is an application required?  □ yes  □ no
Is an orientation required? □ yes  □ no
If Yes: Where? _______________  When? _______________
First day of volunteering: _____________________________________________
Location: ___________________________________________________________

Contact your school counselor or community service coordinator for additional information and resources.
My Service Plan

Use the guide below to develop your service plan.

Number of Hours to Date: _________

Number of Hours Needed: _________

Volunteer Availability: How many hours do you have available each week?

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I can complete ____ hours per week for ____ weeks to complete my requirement.

I am interested in working with (check all that apply):

- Adults
- Animals
- Art
- Babies
- Books/Reading
- Children
- Computers
- Nature
- Music
- Seniors/Elders
- Sports
- Special Needs/Disabled
- Government and Policy

These volunteer opportunities interest me (check all that apply):

- AIDS/HIV Services/Advocacy and Awareness
- Animal Care/Animal Rescue
- Food-Clothing/Housing Assistance/Homeless Awareness
- Elder care/Senior Citizens
- Environment/Habitat
- Immigration/Migrant
- Diversity Awareness
- Tutoring/Education
- Civic Engagement
- Safety
- Special Needs/Disabled
- Military Families Support
- Neighborhood Enhancement
- Performance Art

How Community Service Can Help You

Asha Fears, a 20 year-old Banneker graduate from 2010, spent her high school years volunteering at many different organizations. She did everything from tutoring to helping at Brain-Food, an after-school program that teaches students how to cook. After Asha’s mother had to send her cat to a shelter during her junior year, Asha realized that her passion was working with animals.

Asha began volunteering at the Washington Humane Society and it was not long before staff members started to notice her passion and dedication. While she worked alongside the veterinary technicians at the Humane Society, Asha was given the opportunity to learn how to immunize animals, a skill that she otherwise would not have mastered until much later in her veterinary studies.

Today Asha is working as a veterinary technician (the youngest in her office by 7 years!) and is studying to be a veterinarian. Asha says that without her community service, she wouldn’t be where she is today. “I’m already on my career path through my volunteering.”

Asha’s advice to young volunteers? “You’re not getting paid, but you’re networking and getting experience which will lead to getting paid.” Community service is something that looks good on any resume or college application and is something that can benefit every high school student.
Annual Seasons of Service Days

**DCPS Beautification Day—August**
**Purpose:** Beautification Day is a city-wide event that provides an opportunity for everyone in the city to help improve our schools by volunteering their time for a variety of clean-up projects.
**Organized by:** DC Public Schools
**Website:** [http://serve.dc.gov/service/dcpsi-beautification-day](http://serve.dc.gov/service/dcpsi-beautification-day)

**National Day of Service and Remembrance 9/11—September 11**
**Purpose:** The September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is a forward-looking charitable service day as a way to honor 9/11 victims, survivors, and others who rose up in service in response to the attacks.
**Organized by:** Corporation for National and Community Service
**Website:** [www.serve.gov/sept11.asp](http://www.serve.gov/sept11.asp)

**National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week—November**
**Purpose:** A nationwide effort to bring greater awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness.
**Organized by:** National Coalition for the Homeless
**Website:** [http://nationalhomeless.org/taking-action/volunteer/](http://nationalhomeless.org/taking-action/volunteer/)

**World AIDS Day—December 1**
**Purpose:** The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. It is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.
**Organized by:** World Heath Organization/World AIDS Campaign
**Website:** [worldaidscampaign.org](http://worldaidscampaign.org)

**Martin Luther King Day of Service—January MLK Day**
**Purpose:** To remind us of the importance of keeping Dr. King’s legacy of service alive and challenge us to make service a part of our everyday lives.
**Organized by:** Corporation for National and Community Service
**Website:** [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)

**Read Across America—March 2 — Dr. Seuss Birthday**
**Purpose:** NEA’s Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program to bring reading excitement to children of all ages.
**Organized by:** National Education Association
**Website:** [www.nea.org/grants/886.htm](http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm)

**Earth Day—April**
**Purpose:** Works to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the environmental movement.
**Organized by:** Earth Day Network

**Global Youth Service Day—April**
**Purpose:** An annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.
**Organized by:** Youth Service America
**Website:** [www.gysd.org](http://www.gysd.org)

**Work-A-Thon—Late May**
**Purpose:** Join thousands of other volunteers from all parts of DC as we work together to improve DC Public Schools!
**Organized by:** Hands On DC
**Website:** [www.handsondc.org](http://www.handsondc.org)

To find out additional information regarding Seasons of Service days through the year visit the Serve DC Season of Service website at: [http://serve.dc.gov/page/seasons-service-days](http://serve.dc.gov/page/seasons-service-days)