

Local Volunteer/Service Learning Opportunities
(this is a suggested list and opportunities are not limited to this list)

American Red Cross – http://www.redcross.org/services/volunteer/0,1082,0_325_,00.html

Animal Rescue and Fostering Networks (Maryville, TN) <http://www.arfnets.org/VolunteerApp.shtml>

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts - <http://www.arrowmont.org/volunteering06.html>

Clarence Brown Theatre- <http://www.clarencebrowntheatre.com/cbtvolun.html>

East Tennessee Children's Hospital - <http://www.etch.com/volunteers.cfm>

Emerald Youth Foundation - <http://www.emeraldyouth.org/VolOps.htm>

Florence Crittendon Agency - <http://www.fcaknox.org/volunteer.html>

Goodwill Industries - <http://www.goodwill.org/page/guest/about/howweoperate/volunteer>

Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.habitat.org/cd/frame/frameset.aspx?url=www.knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com>

Hillcrest West Nursing Home 588-7661

HOPE Resource - <http://www.hoperc.org/contact/>

IMPACT Ministries – Disaster Relief

Joni & Friends - http://www.joniandfriends.org/get_involved.php

Knox Area Rescue Mission -<http://www.karm.org/Volunteer.aspx>-

Knox County Animal Shelter- <http://www.knoxpets.org/volunteer.asp>

Knox County Public Library - <http://www.friendsoftheknoxcolib.org/member/index.php#volunteer>

Knoxville Leadership Foundation - <http://www.klf.org/volunteer.htm>

Knoxville Zoo - <http://www.knoxville-zoo.org/volunteer.htm>

Mobile Meals - <http://www.knoxcac.org/mobilemeals/volunteer.html>

NHC Healthcare – 777-4000

Salvation Army - Phone (865) 525-0434, (865) 525-9401

Second Harvest Food - <http://www.secondharvestknox.org/volunteer.shtm>

Shannondale Nursing Home 690-3411

Special Olympics of Greater Knoxville - <http://www.specialolympicsknoxville.org/volunteer-form.htm>

Tennessee Trails Association - <http://www.tennessee-trails.org/vlntr.php>

Vine International - <http://www.vineinternational.org/involved.html>

Volunteer Knoxville - <http://www.Volunteerknoxville.org>

Contact your dean for further verification or questions regarding community service and service learning.

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What is Community Service?

Community service is time contributed to a nonprofit or public service organization. The community should be benefitting from the work you do!

Students can also volunteer in their field of interest to gain experience. This means that job shadowing may count toward your community service requirement. (You may not double count job shadowing as endorsement requirement AND community service)

Make sure you are volunteering with an actual organization (not an individual), you are not being paid, you are being supervised by someone who is not a family member and your activity does not include proselytizing (sharing faith).

What is Service Learning?

Service learning is a teaching and **learning** strategy that integrates meaningful community **service** with instruction and reflection to enrich the **learning** experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities

If you are relating your community service (see above) to specific course-work (STEM Habits and d.School, job-shadowing as a result of a course, or) or in conjunction with a course (Flight Time) then you are doing service learning hours.

Endorsement Requirements and Community Service/Service Learning

One component of the Academy endorsement is earning 50 hours of Community Service/Service Learning. Job-shadowing would count as long as it is not the same job shadowing that you are using to satisfy the 30 hour job-shadowing specifically towards endorsement.

You can easily earn the 50 hours by following the progression: Freshman year – 5 hours, Sophomore year -10 hours, Junior year – 15 hours, Senior year – 20 hours.

You may not earn any more than HALF of your hours from ONE activity. The goal is to diversify and move outside of your comfort zone, establish a sense of community, and develop relationships with community members.

Community Service/Service Learning exists due to the fact that there is usually a social problem inherent. For example, why does the Hardin Valley community have litter clean-up days? Because (problem) people throw trash out their windows. What innovations (d.school) would solve this issue?