



# americalearns

Giving a Service Learner an Incredible Learning Experience that  
Helps Our Organization in a Meaningful Way  
(Project Qualifying Process)

## About this application:

At our high school/university, we work to ensure that our service learners' experiences are not only interesting, but are also truly meaningful. Qualifying projects are ones that:

- Challenge and add to our students' skills;
- Lead our students to look at the world through additional perspectives; and
- Truly move a program or organization forward.

To secure one of our students, we ask all potential service learning partners to detail how they will meet the above goals. This application asks you to lay out the plan you'll use to realize the goals.

## **BASICS**

Organization name and contact person (include mailing address, phone, e-mail):

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Project title:

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Project description:

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Required skills of prospective service-learner:

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Length of time you need the service-learner for:

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Preferred days and times that the service-learner is on-site (if applicable):

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## **CONFIRMING VALUE (DEFINING PURPOSE & IMPORTANCE)**

How the completion of this project will further your organization's mission:

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Project's purpose  
(short- and long-term):

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Project's intended outcomes  
(short- and long-term):

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Realistically, would this project  
get done on your preferred  
timeline without a service  
learner?

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**BENEFITS FOR SERVICE LEARNER**

Purpose for service learner:

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Outcomes for service learner:

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**PROJECT PLAN**

Who is the one person who will  
be accountable in your  
organization for the service  
learner:

- Receiving a clear project description;
- Being provided with the necessary resources and support to complete the project; and
- Attaining the outcomes described in the "Outcomes for service learner" section above?

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Who will be supervising the  
service-learner?

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Who, if anybody, will be working  
on this project with the service  
learner (please list names and  
positions)? What will their roles  
be?

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What plans do you have in place  
to ensure that those working with

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the service learner on this project understand the purpose and outcomes of this project from the service learner's perspective?

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**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

In the past, students have become disheartened about working in the nonprofit sector when projects they spent so much time on and were lauded by their supervisors were ultimately not implemented.

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While we recognize that life happens and plans change in order to be more responsive to realities on the ground, we only place service-learners with organizations that have established concrete plans for implementing the work of our service-learners.

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What will be the implementation plan for this project once it's complete? When will the project be implemented?

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From your current perspective, assuming that the project is completed well, what could hinder this project's implementation?

Who may we contact after the placement to learn how this project was implemented?  
(Name, Position, Phone, E-mail)

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