

SDSU Community Service - Student Agreement and Expectations

Student Life & Leadership Office

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We're pleased you have decided to participate in community service activities while going to school at SDSU. Community service and other forms of community engagement provide a variety of unique benefits to you as a student, the community, and to the organizations where you volunteer. Research has shown that your learning, personal skills and professional development will increase when you invest more of your out-of-class time and energy in educationally purposeful activities such as community service. Additionally, the community gains resources and services that would otherwise be unavailable.

Student Expectations while Participating in Community Service - As a SDSU student participating in community service, it is our expectation that you will adhere to the following:

1. Be responsible for the agreed service hours. Always be courteous and call ahead if you will be late or unable to attend a scheduled service shift or event.
2. Adhere to the SDSU Student Code of Conduct (<http://csrr.sdsu.edu/conduct1.html>). Even if the community service site is located off-campus, you still represent the university; the Student Code of Conduct applies to student actions and behavior on university property or at university activities on campus and off campus, as well as anywhere off campus.
3. Follow all policies of the volunteer site, including health and safety precautions and confidentiality.
 - Do not go beyond the scope of assigned responsibilities. Use your judgment and refuse risky or inappropriate behavior.
 - Do not work in a room alone with a child or other client, or transport a child or other client, unless screened and cleared by the site to do so.
 - Follow all confidentiality and reporting policies at the site.
 - We recommend that all SDSU students carry health, accident, and auto insurance, as they are not covered under any college insurance policies.
4. Notify the community service leader or supervisor immediately of any concerns.
5. Be respectful to others at all times.
6. Dress appropriately for service or clean-up work. You are encouraged to wear clothing that you do not mind getting dirty. Closed-toe shoes are highly recommended for service events.
7. Ask important questions ahead of time. For example, are there restrooms nearby? Is there a water fountain or water supply where we can refill our water bottles? Will the site be providing the event supplies (like gloves or paint)? If driving to the site, where is parking? Will there be snacks on hand or should we bring our own?