

Service Reflection Paper Requirements

The service reflection paper required of all students should help you begin to process the lessons you have learned through your community service during the year.

Your reflection paper should follow these basic formatting requirements:

- 1-2 pages in length, double-spaced
- 12 point Times New Roman font
- 1-inch margins
- Before you turn in your paper, eliminate all text talk - use real words.
- Proofread for spelling and grammatical errors.

As far as content goes, you are free to take things in whatever direction you choose as long as you focus on your experiences in community service during the year. However, please keep in mind that we are not looking for a factual report on all of the service you have done. Your paper should demonstrate what you have learned from your service experiences, not just what you have done as a volunteer.

If you have trouble getting started, consider the following questions (but be aware that you are not required to answer ALL of these questions in your paper):

- Where did you complete your service hours this year? How were you, as a volunteer, a valuable asset to these organizations?
- Why did you choose the organizations and service opportunities that you did? Would you go back to these same places or events for future service? Why or why not?
- What kinds of people did you meet while doing your service? Was there anyone in particular who had an impact on you?
- How did your chosen service project(s) utilize your personal and unique talents or skills?
- What is the true value of the services that you provided through your work this year?
- What kinds of lessons did you learn (about yourself, your community, social justice issues, etc.) through your service work this year?