

SPSV CHRISTIAN SERVICE VERIFICATION

Form for Summer Service Commitments



Student's name: _____

Advisory Section: _____ Advisor: _____

Service Project Assignment: _____

Location/Address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

Please complete all sections of this verification form. Any falsification of information on this form is a violation of the SPSV Honor Code, and will be referred to the Dean of Students for appropriate action.

This completed form, as well as the Service Reflection, are due August 19, 2017. All documents should be submitted by email to r.lee@spsv.org.

Date	Time In	Time Out	Number of Hours
Total Hours:			

SPSV Christian Service

Reflection Essay

For your service organization, the work you do is very important to them, but your Reflection is the most important element for you. Taking time to genuinely reflect on your preparation, your efforts, and the far-reaching impact you have on the people who work there, people who depend on these services, and the others who depend them, is how you benefit. Accumulating positive experiences and **recognizing** the positive impact our efforts have are what helps us grow as compassionate people and more apt to give of ourselves in the future.

The Christian Service Reflection has three parts: (1) Project Background (2) The Work Experience itself, and (3) Impact on Others. Here's each part in detail:

Part 1: Project Background

There are several aspects of background you will explore. Begin with a brief background of the organization you are working for. Where, when, why, and by who was it founded? The most essential question is: What social justice issue is the focus of the organization you worked for?

Also, how have those involved prepared for work? This isn't just what you did just before you left for work. What did you do to get the job? How was it decided upon? How have you prepared physically for this work: appropriate dress, well-rested, good attitude? What might you have sacrificed to do the work: study time, time with friends, sleep, rehearsals/performances, athletic events, etc.? Also consider what have others around you sacrificed to support you: parents driving, time from work, study groups, etc.?

There are those who you will be working with and for. What is your supervisors' background? What has led *them* to this place? What have site personnel done to prepare for today? What work have these people done very recently to prepare for YOUR time there? This is why we must always make our appointments because others have prepared for that time.

Similar to the proposal page, explain what skills you have that were essential for success there. Is the work something you are familiar with, or is it totally new to you? So considering your background and experience, how well prepared were you for the Christian Service you took on?

Part 2: The Work Experience

In this part, detail the duties you performed. Writing at the beginning of this section can be general to the site as a whole, but as each day is different from all others, so, too, is each day's experience at your Christian Service site. Include unique events or activities of individual days. This would mean keeping notes or a small journal.

Maybe keep a log in your planner--anything to record specific impressions on individual days. (Freshmen doing single events will not have long-range writing of this sort.) More importantly, be sure to include not only the activities, but the impressions you gather about the people around you: the site workers, the other volunteers, but especially the people in need to your organization's assistance. Who are they: children, homeless, disabled? What are they like?

Part 3: Impact on Others

Once your work is through, either for the day or the year, take a moment to look back. Ask yourself: how will people directly benefit from the work done here, or specifically from the work YOU have done? Think in a far-reaching manner; include not only how you directly aid others, but how other people in their lives benefit from YOUR work? Who else benefits from your efforts and how? Food addresses hunger, but how might a well-fed person positively affect others in their lives? Tutoring helps students, but how might a well-educated child benefit others around her because of you? Extended care work helps care for kids, but how might their families benefit from your service? Seek out long-range and far-reaching effects of your work.