



Ringling College of Art + Design

Volunteerism and Service-Learning

Lazarus Community Service Summer Program Guidelines and Application

Applicants are asked both to describe their past service experiences and to create a future program that will benefit the local community. Programs that benefit children in need while involving Ringling College students are encouraged, but other types of service ideas are also permitted. This summer program provides opportunities for Ringling College students to work individually to design and execute community projects.

This program is designed to recognize students who have concerns for the surrounding community of Sarasota and are interested in using their talent and training along with their creativity to make a difference. Funds for supplies will be available to students accepted into the program.

Guidelines and Important Information

Students must submit individual proposals for projects that will benefit the local community. Projects described in the proposal benefit a not-for-profit organization and need to be completed Summer 2017. There is no minimum requirement for the number of hours involved or duration for proposed projects. Opportunities to continue projects into the Fall 2017 term may be available.

Participants will be required to attend regular meetings (based on the duration and intensity of the project) with the Director of Student Volunteerism and Service-Learning to monitor the progress of the project and to deal with any challenges that may arise. If appropriate or necessary, students may be asked to have a mentor in the field work with them.

All majors are welcome to apply. Students graduating Spring 2017 are not eligible for this program.

Requirements

Participants must:

- * Commit to serving the Sarasota area over the course of the summer
- * Be self-directed to ensure success on individual and small group projects
- * Communicate regularly with supervisors and partners
- * Submit two recommendation letters from faculty, staff, or supervisors.
- * Be registered students.
- * Be in good academic standing, have no violations of the Student Code of Conduct or have pending judicial issues.
- * Track hours and projects and complete end of project self-evaluation and partner evaluation.

Students who participate and submit end of project documentation will be eligible to apply for scholarship awards, funded from the Rudi G. Lazarus Foundation, to be dispersed in the Fall 2017 Semester through the Office of Financial Aid.

Approx. Dates of Program (flexible)

May – July 31, 2017

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Levey- Baker, Director of Student Volunteerism and Service-Learning, in the Office of Student Life, (941)359.7504.

Name_____ Year and Major_____

Address_____

Phone _____ Email _____ Campus Mail Box # _____

Please complete the following:

1. Please describe your community service while you have been a Ringling student. What populations have you served? How many hours have you served and in what scope of time?

2. Please describe any community service projects or public art that you initiated.

3. In what ways have you collaborated with other artists (students or professional)? With community members?

4. Why would you like to be a part of this program? What do you hope to gain or learn by the experience?

5. What unique qualities or talents will you bring to this program?

6. Briefly describe the proposed idea and why you wish to execute this particular project.

7. In narrative format, describe in detail a service program that you would like to create.

The project should serve the local community and be completed during Summer 2017.

- **Who will this program serve? What group, organization and/or population?**
- **What service will you provide?**
- **What amount of money would be required?**
- **How many student participants will you aim to involve?**
- **Identify the goals and outcomes of the service project.**
- **How many hours of planning will this take?**
- **How will you advertise?**
- **How will you recruit volunteers?**
- **How will you evaluate the program's success?**

8. Please attach your resume.

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Resume, two recommendation letters, questions answered on a separate sheet.

Signature_____Date_____

Completed applications must be returned by May 1, 2017 to

Rachel Levey-Baker, Director of Student Volunteerism and Service-Learning, in the Office of Student Life, (941)359.7504.