

# SERVANT LEADERSHIP: Service Seed Project REFLECTION ESSAY GUIDELINES

Due by the completion of your current  
COLLEGE 101 Course (ex. 16 wk, 8 wk, 4 wk.)

Submit your completed Service Seed Reflection  
Essay in Blackboard via the Assignments; Servant  
Leadership folder.



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“The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with a natural feeling that one wants to serve ... as opposed to wanting power, influence, fame or wealth.”  
– Robert K. Greenleaf

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- **This assignment will be open the entire semester and can be submitted as soon as it has been completed.**

*Reflection is a method of exploring and interpreting an experience in order to gain new understanding. A thorough reflection essay will present a compelling, personal, in-depth view of you and your experience. This reflection can be a resource for creating scholarship and future college admission essays that show how you stand out so make sure to keep a completed copy in your personal files.*

## **Your paper should include the following:**

- Your name
- The name of the agency, group or organization where you volunteered
  - List all if you have volunteered in more than one location
- The site coordinator’s or project sponsor’s name
- An essay, containing a *minimum of 500 words*, typed

## **Answer both of the following questions:**

- Describe the influence community service has had on you. Be sure to give examples. How were you affected (positively or negatively) by the people and/or the places where you completed your community service?
- Describe and give examples of the influence you made on the agency and the people with whom you worked. What have they learned from you?

## **Choose at least two additional questions from the following:**

- How did the importance of this service contribute to your growth as an individual in our society?
- If you think service to others is important, will you volunteer your time again at some point in your life? Why or why not?

- Describe your commitment to community service before you started. Did this commitment or attitude change? If it did, how?
- How does the work you have done relate to the job or career that you plan to pursue after graduation?
- What did you like about the community service work that you completed?

**Service Seed requirement for graduation:**

1. Reflection essay
  2. Completed Time Sheet *signed* by a supervisor showing a minimum of four *verified* service hours
  3. Extra Recognition BONUS: 2 points possible for each extra hour of service (up to 5 hours/10 pts. maximum)
- ❖ **SERVICE SEED POLICY:** In meeting our Student Ability of Responsible Citizenship, all students selecting to attend Crowder College will participate in a volunteer experience of their choice. A minimum of four volunteer hours will be documented within the time frame of their College Orientation course. Completion will consist of both a signed Time Sheet indicating a minimum of four volunteer hours and the guided 500 word Reflection Essay. Regardless of a passing grade, students not completing the Service Seed requirements, for reasons beyond the student's control, will receive an incomplete. Students receiving an incomplete will have two weeks following their scheduled Final Exam to submit the completed Service Seed documentation. Should the requirement not be fulfilled within this time frame, the "I" will automatically be changed to an "F" grade by the Records Department. Students receiving an "F" in the course will be required to repeat the entire course the following semester.

**Rubric Statement:**

Graded based on required length as well as content and relative level of reflection and thoughtfulness.