JDOAAI Community Service Program Reference Sheet: Accepted Examples of Service for Official 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Experiences

Non-Profit Organizations (501c 3) | Unpaid time during given service to an organization:
- **Greater Boston Food Bank** - Sorted and quality checked food, as well as cleaned the facility, 5 hours.
- **Rosie’s Place** - Handed out hygiene products, organized etc., 10 hours.
- **American Red Cross Food Pantry** - Bi-lingual intake assistant; helped new families register to receive food because most were from Central and South American countries, 4 hours.
- **Community Co-ops** | Flying Pond Farm - Volunteership which gave insights into the fields of food security and community centered small business, 120 hours.
- **Faith-based community organizations** - Bethany Assembly of God, Sunday school teacher for 5 – 6 year-olds, 52 hours.
- **St. Louis Children’s Hospital** - Volunteer in the sibling playroom, 20 hours.

Educational Institutions | Unpaid, volunteer, fundraise, or participate in events NOT earning academic credit hours:
- **Horace Mann Elementary School** - Worked with the deaf and hard of hearing student program, both 3rd and 5th graders, 48 hours.
- **Codman Academy** - Served as a Humanities tutor for ninth graders, 40 hours.
- **Regional Multicultural Magnet School** - Bilingual 4th/5th classroom teaching assistant, 111.5 hours.
- **Students for Education Reform** - Event volunteer; managed information table & signature gathering for petition, 8 hours.
- **X-Cel Education** - Tutored adults basic math to help prepare them for their high school equivalency exam, 10 hours.

The Arts | Unpaid, volunteer, fundraise, or participate in events NOT earning academic credit hours:
- **BalletRox** - Teaching assistant for non-profit that bring ballet & dance lessons to low-income children in Jamaica Plain, 50 hours.
- **Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA** - Museum Exhibition Assistant, 200 hours.
- **Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, Crestwood, KY** - Weeded the arboretum, 18 hours.
- **John D. O’Bryant African American Institute Special Collections** - Collection assistant, digitized historical physical photographs, programs, & other ephemera from collection; organize digital/physical files, and perform document/photographic preservation, 50 hours.
Greek Organizations | Service hours can only be counted from opportunities coordinated via the organization, for service to be performed by its members, at a non-profit organization:

- **Egleston Community Orchard** – Cleared the ground of abandoned house lot that will become a community orchard; also fixed up a neighbor’s yard with several raised garden beds, via Delta Tau Delta, 4 hours.
- **Rosie’s Place** - Held a clothing drive and took the gathered clothes to Rosie’s, via Sigma Delta Tau.
- **Community Servings** - Packed & prepared food for community members in need, via Delta Tau Delta, 6 hours.

Unique Experiences

Events | Unpaid, volunteer, fundraiser, or participate in events or campaigns created/sponsored by non-profit organizations:

- **Relay for Life** - Support staff & emotional counselor for runners, 12 hours.
- **United Negro College Fund** - Coordinated volunteers and helped run the UNCF Masked Ball at the Radisson Blue, 6 hours.
- **The Water Project** - Helped create and execute a fundraiser for the Water Project totaling over a $1000.00 to build wells in Africa, 5 hours.
- **Kosair Children’s Hospital 5K Run** - Volunteer set-up/tear-down & water zone supplier team leader, 8 hours.

Civic Service | Unpaid, volunteer, fundraiser, or participate in events or campaigns conveying your own political perspectives or for a community support agency:

- **New York State Assembly Member Carmen Arroyo** - Clerical work for the Arroyo camp, 14 hours.
- **Bernie Sanders Campaign** - Event volunteer, 8 hours.
- **Waltham Police Neighborhood Substation** - In charge of the front desk and assisted officers and other employees with any tasks they required, 76 hours.
- **Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps.** - Live EMS shift, 6 hours.
- **Jury Duty** and **Voting** in all elections are eligible accumulated hours as well.

Northeastern Community

Northeastern Based Opportunities | Working with NU’s Center of Community Service, Ujima Global Leader required/training events & programs, JDOAAI volunteer opportunities, projects/research, over-night hosting of prospective students (24 hr. max. per yr.) and E-board participation (10 hr. max. per org.):

- **Alternative Spring Break** - ASB Belize: constructed an orphanage, 100 hours.
- **Black Engineering Student Society (NSBE-NU)** - Academic Excellence Chair E-board service, 10 hours.

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• **Ujima Global Leaders** - Negotiations Tactics Program, 2 hours.
• **Volunteer Undergraduate Research** - Worked on the Simulink modeling of a MEMS Resonator Detector Switch, to investigate the required frequency needed to make a signal "wake up." This methodology would be later incorporated in Zero Power Sensors. With this experience, I presented my research at the NU Research Expo (RISE), held annually. 40 hours.
  o This choice has multiple advantages wrapped up inside one task; essentially, hitting three birds, with one 1 stone.
  o Earn your service hours.
  o Take on a research project of your choice, work closely with a professor and choose one of many professional showcase options like RISE, to present and demonstrate your research.
  o By maintaining a grade point average of 3.8 or above, and proactively taking on new academic challenges, positions you in a strong place to apply for the Honors in the Discipline or First Year Inquiry Programs.
• **LEAD360** - Blueprint 2 Event, 15.5 hours.
• **NU Psychology Department** - Participated in on-going Science Experiments, 14 hours.
• **Bouve Office of Student Services** - Phonathon Volunteer, 2 hours.
• **2015 Association of Black Cultural Centers National Conference** - JDOAAI Student Volunteer, 6.5 hours.

* **Independent Research** – If you have secured permission for independent study via an NU department, it may be eligible to be counted as service hours; email s.ronnk@northeastern.edu with any questions.

Community Service hours must be completed during each academic year you accept Ujima Scholarship funding.

You have one year to satisfy your 50 hour service commitment to your scholarship program. If you do not, your funding will be revoked and last year’s entire tuition/housing balance will be transferred to your student account.

* Any attempt or identified instance of lying or forgery regarding this process, will be referred to OSCCR immediately.