



## COMMUNITY SERVICE INTERNSHIP REFLECTION ESSAY

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Form \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency/Project \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor at Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Worked \_\_\_\_\_

(month/year)

I agree to have my essay considered for inclusion in the Community Service section of the ECFS

website: Yes No

*Please answer the following questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. This should be done at the conclusion of your community service placement for your core project (filler service does not require a written reflection)*

*Please type this reflection in a 2-3 page essay paying special attention to the criteria below. Your reflection should be written from your perspective and offer detailed anecdotal information that paints a picture of your work.*

1. Briefly describe the work you did on this core project. (e.g., your time commitment, nature of activities, direct or indirect service, who you worked with, etc.)
2. Describe the nature of your core project in detail paying special attention to address the following elements:
  - a. What stories/events/memories do you have that help convey the nature of the work you did?
  - b. What did you hope to gain/learn about a particular social issue and what did you actually learn?
  - c. How were your assumptions challenged?
  - d. Place your service work within a larger social context and speak to the social issues that create the need for this type of work/program/project. What was the impact of your service work on you? On the larger community? On this social issue?
  - e. Discuss how you faced challenges or difficulties.
  - f. Discuss ways in which you took initiative or solved problems that arose.
  - g. Discuss what learning/perspective you will take from this experience that you will use in other areas.

Based on the questions above your written reflection and service work will be evaluated according to the following criteria (we will ask for resubmission of essays that do not address the above criteria in detail):

- Student submits written work in timely manner.
- Written reflection is detailed, clear, and engaging.
- Student identifies learning goals and key learning.
- Student speaks to larger social context of service work and is able to locate specific service work within social/community issue.
- Student demonstrates curiosity and creative engagement in service work.
- Student reflects on his/her own assumptions or new/challenging ideas.
- Student shows persistence and takes initiative in service work.
- Student shows ability to extend the learning from this experience into other areas of his/her life.