

SERVICE

VERSUS

PHILANTHROPY

COMMON "GRAY AREA" PROBLEMS



"Active" service is when you directly create positive social change because of your actions. Specific examples include facilitating the interactions with nonprofits to plan and execute an event, set-up and break-down at events, collecting food donations.

There is a difference between logging hours within class activities and active service in the community! One is a grade, the other is a program requirement. Not both - unless your syllabus specifies. Hours for class credit should be "active," not "passive."

The service form is your friend! Be as specific and descriptive as possible in all sections.

Remember to check with your syllabus to see if you need to get service hours in a specific category - going to multiple locations is okay!



Students can use up to 5 hours each semester of "passive" philanthropic efforts like tabling, fundraising, bucketing, donating food, driving to service events, planning events without non-profit involvement, etc. so the majority of their hours are "active" service.

Attending philanthropic events is not service. Fundraising by solely financial donations is not service. However, make it service by planning the events and/or raising awareness while doing so.

When in doubt, ask your professor, associate director Dr. Germaine Graham, or call the front desk!

*Court-ordered community service or hours you were compensated for are never counted for the LEAD Scholars Academy.