



**GEORGE SCHOOL**

## **INDEPENDENT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

George School students are required to do a service project (totaling sixty-five hours) any time after completing their sophomore year. Working at local human service agencies, on national service projects, or on international workcamps, students learn about the complexities of society and the diversity of cultures, while they, in turn, share their talents with a variety of people. One local school-organized project includes Woods Services, a residential program for disabled individuals in Langhorne. Recent national and international workcamp locations include Costa Rica, coastal Mississippi, France, Navajo Nation in Arizona, New Orleans, Nicaragua, South Africa, Vietnam, and Washington DC. Students may also design their own independent service projects.

A project must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Be congruent with Friends concerns.
- Be arranged through volunteer offices.
- Meet real human needs through ongoing face-to-face contact.
- Enable students to gain exposure to a group of people who are disempowered because of social, cultural, racial, economic, or health factors that limit their functioning easily within the mainstream of their own society.
- Be an unpaid position.
- Be performed after the completion of 10th grade.
- Be approved by the community service coordinator prior to student involvement for credit. To be approved you must return your completed, signed forms to the community service coordinator by the appropriate date (February 18 for Spring Break projects; May 20 for summer projects). No project will be given credit unless it is approved in advance.
- Involve a minimum of sixty-five hours of service in a concentrated period lasting no more than a school year.

Be sure to follow these procedures:

- Locate your project in accordance with the guidelines. Bev Trautwein can help with some suggestions, but it is your job to arrange the project.
- Submit the Service Project Agreement with all of the necessary signatures at least three weeks prior to your desired start date. The Religion Department must meet to approve all projects. Projects will not be approved over the summer break.
- Complete and submit a journal and a supervisor evaluation upon completion of the project. For projects completed during a vacation, paper work and journals are due the FIRST day of the next term. If your journal is not adequate you will be required to write a 1,000 word essay on the significance of the experience to you. This will be in addition to your journal and not instead of your journal.

## Service Project Agreement

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ PMB \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Agency Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Proposal

On a separate sheet of paper describe the service you intend to pursue at this agency. Remember that the project must include direct client contact. Your proposal should include answers to the following: Who will be helped by your efforts? Why are they in need of your service? What exactly will you be doing for them?

### Student Agreement

I agree to devote at least sixty-five hours of time between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (dates) to fulfill the service objectives described on the previous page and to meet the requirements of the service program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

As an agency supervisor for \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to guide his/her work done under my direction (as outlined on the previous page), and to submit a final evaluation of the student's work on the form provided. I understand that the student must have direct client contact.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Agency Supervisor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I have considered \_\_\_\_\_'s proposal with him/her and find it satisfactory.

(Student Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Advisor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I have reviewed this completed application with the George School Religion Department:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Community Service Coordinator Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)