

# Philanthropy and Community Service Guidelines



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<p><b>Philanthropy</b> The act of donating money, goods, services, time and/or effort to support a charity, or foundation.</p>	<p><b>Community Service</b> Enriching an area of the community and providing a helping hand through voluntary time spent giving back with no compensation in return.</p>	<p><b>501C3 Organizations</b> Charitable Organizations those are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.</p>
<p><b>Philanthropy Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in or watching a philanthropy event does not count as community service. Instead, you're making an impact as a result of donating dollars/entry fee to philanthropy directly.</li> <li>• If you assist with a local agency's philanthropy in activities such as check-in, handing out water, crowd control, etc. those hours would count as service hours.</li> <li>• Donations can only count towards your organization's raised amount.</li> <li>• There should be no alcohol present based off of Ball State University's Risk Management Policy.</li> <li>• The Office of Greek Life staff has the ability to make decisions about awarding philanthropic donation amounts depending on student participation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Community Service Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All community service should be unpaid and address or bring awareness to a social issue in the larger community.</li> <li>• The recipient of the service should be the community members, indirectly (working with agencies that help the community) or non-directly (helping a non-profit with their operations).</li> <li>• Events cannot include or be associated with alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, or inappropriate sexual conduct.</li> <li>• The Office of Greek Life has the ability to make decisions about awarding community service hours depending on student participation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>501C3 Organization Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonly referred to as charitable organizations.</li> <li>• Other than testing for public safety, organizations are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.</li> </ul>

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<b>Examples of Philanthropy</b>	<b>Examples of Community Service</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donating clothes, shoes, hygiene products, furniture, and/or bicycles to an organization such as the Muncie Mission or Goodwill.</li> <li>• Donating canned foods to a food pantry.</li> <li>• Donating money directly to a charity or non-profit agency.</li> <li>• Donating money to Dance Marathon or Relay for Life.</li> <li>• The cost of supplies required to create gifts for the community such as gift baskets, cards, bookmarks, applies to teachers, etc.</li> <li>• Donating blood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time spent during orientation, on-site training, or required workshops for the completion of the service (ex: being trained on the basics of digging a trench, understanding youth protection guidelines of an agency, etc).</li> <li>• Mission trips, immersion programs, alternative breaks, and other similar full/multi-day experiences will require official documentation.</li> <li>• Doing housework or yard work for an elderly person (i.e. leaf raking with SVS).</li> <li>• Engaging in activities with residents of a nursing home.</li> <li>• Tutoring elementary children (i.e. Motivate Our Minds—MOM).</li> <li>• Volunteering at agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club after-school program, ARF (Animal Rescue Fund) or SPCA, Muncie Mission, A Better Way.</li> <li>• Ball Memorial Hospital.</li> <li>• Picking up trash around the community.</li> <li>• Working with a girl or boy scouts troop.</li> <li>• Working with a school or a non-profit.</li> </ul>

<b>What does NOT count as philanthropy?</b>	<b>What does NOT count as community service?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are paying money to participate in another chapter’s philanthropic activity, you cannot count the money you donated/paid as philanthropy for your chapter. The chapter hosting the event will be able to count the total proceeds raised as philanthropy for their chapter. Otherwise the money will be reported twice.</li> <li>• Handing out fliers to promote an event.</li> <li>• “Philanthropy hours” are not tracked by SVS or OGL and should not be included in GivePulse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking/running in a 5k fundraiser does not qualify as community service.</li> <li>• Traveling to the service site.</li> <li>• Judicial sanctions.</li> <li>• The time spent creating or preparing gifts (i.e. cards, gift baskets, artwork) that are donated to members of the community.</li> <li>• Time spent going door-to-door collecting cans for a canned food drive.</li> <li>• Any activity that you get paid for (coaching a team).</li> <li>• Anything that doesn’t involved the community or an agency (i.e. volunteering your time at a hair salon, babysitting, helping your parents, redecorate your house, helping someone decorate their classroom before school)</li> <li>• Participating in Dance Marathon on Relay for Life.</li> <li>• Academic Credit – integrated service learning course, practicum, athletic training hours and clinical hours.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping with activities such as Late Nite or Residence Hall Move In.</li> <li>• Activities completed for class credit or as a class assignment.</li> <li>• Activities done on-campus for other leadership positions (i.e. Homecoming Steering Committee or Student Body President) do not count as community service. It is considered campus involvement.</li> <li>• Donating blood.</li> <li>• The time spent setting up for or operating a philanthropic event.</li> </ul>