

# HOW DO YOU DEFINE SERVICE?

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People define service in many different ways. Represented below are some examples of actions that are viewed as service in our society. Study the list carefully. Place a "1" next to the action that most closely models your personal philosophy of service. Place a "2" next to the action that is the second closest to your philosophy of service, etc. The action which is farthest from your own philosophy should be ranked "17."

- Respond to local science & technology reporter's request to be interviewed for tech article
- Do research that is directly related to a critical health concern like AIDS or critical environmental problem like global warming
- Use your skills to help a local non-profit, such as a civil engineering student/professor working with Habit for Humanity on weekends
- Give a "Mr. Wizard" science show presentation at your local elementary school every year
- Help a science & technology museum design an exhibit in your area of expertise
- Write a science / engineering book for the lay public in your area of expertise
- Create research internships for high school students in your laboratory
- Tutor for Chem 31 or Math 51
- Vote on a ballot measure to continue paratransit services for people unable to independently use public transit
- Write a letter to a congressional leader about an issue related to science or technology
- Take time off from your studies, research, scientific career, to be a technology advisor to a government official
- Become a mentor in a weekly robotics club for kids
- Serve as a science advisor to a curriculum developer who is writing elementary or high school science curriculum
- Donate \$50 to National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
- Partner with an elementary or high school teacher by visiting the classroom once a week
- Use your course work to help a local community, i.e. use your class project on water quality to sample local water supplies and provide data to local city government
- Read the weekly science section in the newspaper