

Step I Worksheet

Service Learning Student Log: Self-Assessment

The best place to start your service learning project is with a good look at you! Your project should be something that you care about and something that you will enjoy doing. So it's important that you spend some time asking yourself questions about what's most important to you, what you like to do, when you feel successful, and where your experience has already taken you. The questions below can help you do that. After answering them, put the information together to identify what it means for your service project.

What do you enjoy? In the list below, the three things I most enjoy are: (check those that apply)

- ☐ building or repairing
- ☐ helping the environment
- ☐ increasing public involvement in local issues
- ☐ raising awareness
- ☐ raising money or collecting goods
- ☐ speaking to groups
- ☐ tackling a public issue
- ☐ taking care of property or grounds
- ☐ working outdoors
- ☐ working with animals
- ☐ working with senior citizens
- ☐ working with those less fortunate
- ☐ working with young kids
- ☐ writing

When do you feel successful?

In addition to what you like to do, it's important to look at your talents and strengths. You most likely have many talents that you could offer to your community. Talk with others in your life about the areas in which they think you excel. Then complete the list below.

I think I'm good at:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Others think I'm good at:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What have I done?

Now you should consider experiences you've already had that can help you choose your community service. Below, list the experiences that have prepared you for your role as a service provider.

Putting It All Together

Now that you've recorded what you like to do, when you feel successful, and what experiences you've had, consider how this information might impact the type of service learning project you'll choose. Share your conclusions with others in your group or class.