



Michigan Student Service Award Reflective Essay Guidelines

Thank you for all of your service! The Michigan Student Service Award is a premiere statewide honor awarded by Volunteer Centers of Michigan and Volunteer Kalamazoo.,

If you have already submitted all of your hours for verification, the reflective essay is the final step needed to complete your award requirements. This essay is an important part of the award process as it gives us an opportunity to hear directly from you about your experiences as a volunteer.

Please complete the contact information requested and follow the guidelines below to complete your essay:

Student Information			
Name:			
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:	
(Home)	(Cell)		
Graduation Year:	School Attending:		
Parent Names (As you would like them to be published):			
Parents: Please read the following statements and 1.) Check those that apply. 2.) Sign where indicated.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read this application form and give permission for my daughter/son to participate in the MSSA program.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I give my permission for any recording (photo, audio, video) of my child to be used for promotional efforts of Volunteer Kalamazoo			
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not give permission for any recording of my child to be used for promotion efforts of Volunteer Kalamazoo			
Parent/Guardian Name	Date	Telephone	

Guidelines:

1. The essay should be typed, using 12 point font, with 1-inch margins. It should be at least one full page (single spaced) in length. Type your name, address and phone number at the top left corner of page one. Please mail a copy of your senior picture (or a current photo) with your essay. The photo will be used with media publications that acknowledge your accomplishments.
2. Your essay must be completed and sent to Volunteer Kalamazoo, 709-A S Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. The essay may be emailed to: volunteens@volunteerkalamazoo.org (please confirm by phone or email that we received it).
3. Send your essay by April 10, 2012 to allow time for coordinating recognition event participation.
4. The essay should include your thoughtful responses to these questions:
 - a. Please describe the type of service you provided.
 - b. What community issues did you address?
 - c. What motivated you to become involved in these projects?
 - d. What impact do you feel your service has had on the community?
 - e. What is the most significant thing you have learned from your service experience?
 - f. How have your service experiences impacted your immediate and long-term goals?
 - g. Do you plan to continue your volunteer work in the future?

Questions? Call Volunteer Kalamazoo at 269.382.8350 or email volunteens@volunteerkalamazoo.org