

# WHY SHOULD YOUTH VOLUNTEER?

## BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUTH



### 1 YOUTH BECOME LEADERS

Youth learn to respect others, be helpful and kind, and to understand people who are different. They develop skills, patience, and a better understanding of civic engagement.

### 2 INCREASED SCHOOL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Youth who volunteer are more likely to do well in school, graduate, and vote.



### 3 GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

Research shows that youth who volunteer are less likely to engage in risky behavior. This includes underage drinking, use of cigarettes or other drugs, and teen pregnancy.



### 4 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships are available specifically to those who volunteer and give back to their communities. By volunteering, students may find new ways to pay for college.



### 5 HIGHER COLLEGE GRADUATION RATES

Students who volunteer are almost 20% more likely to graduate from college.



### 6 STRENGTHENS FAMILIES

Volunteering with family members can strengthen youth's familial bonds.



### 7 LIFELONG GIVING

Youth who volunteer are more likely to volunteer later in life and donate to charitable organizations.

