SERVICE PURSUITS

“The College, itself, the product of philanthropy, should find ways to contribute to its community, and beyond, with services natural for it as an educational institution. Policies must be maintained that support these outcomes.”
- Statement of Founding Precepts for Olin College

Description

The SERV Committee's mission is to Support, Encourage, and Recognize Volunteerism within the Olin community. The Service Pursuits program encourages students to pursue their personal philanthropic interests by providing support to students who are interested in doing service during their time at Olin. Students choose a project, set their own goals and develop their interests with the guidance of a faculty member and, in many cases, receive funding from SERV. There is a wide variety of service opportunities open to Olin community members. Some opportunities are off-campus with local non-profit organizations, while others are internal, such as service to the college. Both types of projects will be considered for funding.

Students may refer to the List of Service Organizations document when looking for service project ideas. They may also email service-drivers@lists.olin.edu (a list of student volunteers willing to provide rides) in order to find transportation.

Funding Guidelines

Funding of up to $50 per student is available each semester. We encourage larger groups of students to work together on service projects, as it will increase the amount of total project funding, increasing philanthropic spirit within the community.

In order to receive funding, students must provide a detailed breakdown for their funding request. In the case that a student is requesting funding for transportation, SERV will reimburse for travel at Olin's mileage reimbursement rate of 57.5 cents per mile. If the student is receiving a ride from another Olin student, it is left to their discretion how much they would like to reimburse that student as long as it does not exceed Olin's reimbursement rate. Travel costs cannot exceed the total amount of funding granted to a student per semester.

Timeline

There is no deadline for submitting an application for a Service Pursuit, with the understanding that less funding may be available later in the semester. We encourage students to plan early in order to ensure they have enough time to complete their service project.

In order to apply for a Service Pursuit, fill out the attached document and give it to a SERV Board member or attend a SERV Meeting on Fridays from 12:30-1:30 in the Crescent Room. Email serv@lists.olin.edu with any questions.
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Student Name:
Class/Year:
Faculty/Staff Adviser (optional):

Title of Service Pursuit:

Description of Service Pursuit:
*Include the organization, types of activities, timeline, and goals*

Funding Request and Breakdown:
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