

B R Y N M A W R C O L L E G E

Summer of Service

A funded opportunity to live, serve and learn with others in community.

OVERVIEW

Hosted by the Community Service Office and the Praxis Program, the BMC "Summer of Service" is a funded opportunity for students to live, serve and learn together in the Bryn Mawr community. Selected students will spend 32 hours each week volunteering for a service or activism organization in the Bryn Mawr/Philadelphia region and/or completing a local, individual service or activism project. Additional time will be devoted to service learning activities and ongoing training. In addition to a \$2000 stipend, the Community Service Office will cover all room, board, and field site transportation expenses.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be undergraduate Bryn Mawr students completing their freshman, sophomore, or junior year. Students who plan to be at Bryn Mawr in the fall of 2005 will be given special consideration. **Applicants must focus on a specific type of service or activism, and must have identified a prospective internship/project at the time of application.** The Community Service Office values diversity and seeks talented students from diverse backgrounds.

Application deadline is Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Personal interviews will be required of all candidates. Students will be notified on or before Friday, April 15, 2005. Selected students will meet with Community Service Office and Praxis Program staff to identify a final placement or project. Summer of Service participants must live together in housing selected and funded by the Community Service Office. The Summer begins June 5 and ends August 14, 2005.

WHAT IS "SERVICE"

Bryn Mawr broadly defines service and activism. Students with a wide range of interests and experience are encouraged to apply. Focus areas might include but are not limited to:

- Education
- Environment
- Community Arts
- Child Welfare
- Older Adults
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Disability Services
- Women's Issues
- Social Service
- Hunger
- Homelessness

CONTINUED COMMITMENT:

The ongoing commitment of Summer of Service participants is to promote community service and activism at Bryn Mawr. They will be expected not only to serve as leaders on campus, but as active participants in the Bryn Mawr service and activism community.

SELECTED STUDENTS WILL:

- Live together in Perry House
- Spend 32 hours each week volunteering for a service or activism organization in the Bryn Mawr/Philadelphia area and/or completing an individual local service or activism project
- Spend 3-5 hours each week in service learning activities including ongoing training, visits to local organizations, and attending events
- Receive a summer stipend/living allowance of \$2000.00
- Be reimbursed for transportation costs to and from service sites
- Have a great time, explore, learn, and grow.

Contact Ellie Esmond in the Community Service Office (eesmond, X6591) for more information.

3. Briefly describe any relevant service and/or activism experiences you have had, paid or unpaid. Be sure to include the name of each organization, your responsibilities (including leadership experience), the dates you worked with that organization, and your weekly time commitment.
4. Please tell us how you think your life is shaped by your racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic background. How might your status in these categories be similar to and different from those you may work with through this program? How will you try to use your access to power, knowledge, and life experience to benefit and empower those with whom you work?
5. Briefly describe how, when you return to campus in the fall, you might promote an atmosphere of service and activism within the Bryn Mawr community. Please include the ways in which you would present yourself and your work this summer to the broader College community.
6. Feel free to add any additional talents, abilities, or interests you have which might enrich the Summer of Service community.

Please list two adult references (at least one should be a Bryn Mawr staff person, i.e. your dean, a faculty member or a work/study supervisor) and two peer references (at least one should be a Bryn Mawr student) and phone numbers where they can be reached.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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