

Service and Philanthropy Action Plan

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By:**

The Service and Philanthropy Plan

The Service and Philanthropy Action Plan is an essential tool for outlining the chapter's strategy for success in the areas of community service and philanthropy. While this plan will not complete the task of volunteering hours or fundraising for causes your chapter supports, it is an important first step in preparing the chapter to make thoughtful, values-driven decisions throughout the academic year.

The foundation of this plan is grounded in the idea that Sigma Nu chapters should be committed to Servant Leadership. As defined by Robert Greenleaf, *servant leadership is focused on enhancing the growth of others and improving the caring of our institutions through a combination of teamwork, community, personal development, and ethical decision-making.* With Sigma Nu's Mission, "To develop ethical leaders inspired by the values of Love, Honor, and Truth..." it's easy to see why servant leadership is such an important part of the Sigma Nu experience.

This plan will help the chapter think strategically about the operational necessities of service and philanthropy as well as consider the important components of how the chapter can commit itself to servant leadership and the development of ethical leaders.

Resources and Support

This Service and Philanthropy Plan was completed under the guidance of the following chapter resources:

- [Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman's Officer Manual](#)
- [Pursuit of Excellence Guidelines for Service and Philanthropy](#)
- [Strategic Planning and Officer Action Plan Overview](#)
- [Reflections on Service Guide](#)
- [LEAD Phase I: Session 11: Community Service](#)
- [LEAD Phase IV: Session 3: Servant Leadership](#)
- [The Law of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc.](#)
- [Risk Reduction Policy](#)

Important Definitions

Service – giving of your time and talent to directly benefit another or an organization. This includes efforts like assisting with a Habitat for Humanity build, serving as a big brother/mentor to a child, helping school children with after-school tutoring, working at a food bank, and related activities. **The purpose of these activities is directly assisting some other person or organization through your volunteer work.**

Philanthropy – giving of your treasure. This includes the chapter's efforts to raise money for charitable organizations (e.g., letter writing for St. Jude, raising money for, and participating in Dance Marathon, chapter or member donations to a local or national cause). **The purpose of these activities is to raise funds for another person or organization. Do not count member participation in fundraising or competitions and celebrations related to philanthropy as "service hours."**

Both service and philanthropy are equally important endeavors that allow chapters and members to give back to the local, national, or global community. Each has its own benefits, and both should be valued and undertaken by Sigma Nu members and chapters.

Envisioned Future

The Service and Philanthropy Committee

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY CHAIRMAN

The role and expectations of the Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman.

THE SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE ROSTER

Committee Member Name	Position
	Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman

Advisor Name	Advisor Position	Phone	Email
	Committee Advisor		

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE ROLE

The role and expectations of the Community Service and Philanthropy Committee.

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE GOALS

Committee goals use the S.M.A.R.T. format - Specific, Measurable, Agreed-Upon, Realistic, and Timely.

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE STANDARD AGENDA

The standard agenda for future committee meetings will be as follows:

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE BUDGET

Service and Philanthropy Education

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY

Sigma Nu Fraternity defines Service as, "giving of your time and talent to directly benefit another or an organization," and Philanthropy as, "giving of your treasure." There is no such thing as "philanthropy hours;" time spent raising funds or goods for charitable purposes is important but is not considered hours in service to a cause.

CREATING SERVANT LEADERS

Community Service

CHARACTERISTICS THE CHAPTER LOOKS FOR WHEN CHOOSING TO VOLUNTEER

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

List of known volunteer organizations / events available to the chapter.

KNOWN SERVICE IDEAS

List of ways the chapter or its members can serve the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GOALS

- Each member of the Chapter is expected to complete at least _____service hours each academic term (semester/quarter).
- The Chapter will host at least_____community service events with participation from most members each academic term (semester/quarter).

The following outlines additional chapter community service goals.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER SERVICE EFFORTS

THE FOUNDERS' MONTH OF SERVICE

The Founders' Month of Service (April of each year) is a time when all Sigma Nu members are called upon to employ their services, talents, and time to impact their local communities.

Philanthropy

SELECTING A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT

THE CHAPTER'S CHOSEN PHILANTHROPY

SUPPORTING THE CHAPTER'S CHOSEN PHILANTHROPY

PHILANTHROPY GOALS

- The Chapter will raise at least _____ in support of our chosen philanthropy.

The following outlines additional chapter philanthropy goals.

ORGANIZATION ADVOCACY

Chapter Reflection and Campus Engagement

FACILITATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

ENGAGING THE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY