

2. Many schools require students to participate in volunteer programs in their communities as a requirement for graduation. However, some people feel that requiring students to volunteer defeats the purpose of volunteering. Do you think students should be required to volunteer in their communities to receive their high school diplomas? Take a position on this issue. Support your response with reasons and specific examples.

Restate Prompt  
in your own words

should students have to volunteer to graduate?

Thesis

### Required to Volunteer

- experience giving without receiving
- open eyes to needs in community
- promotes selflessness, self-worth
- opens doors to new experiences, internships, jobs
- \* still allow students to choose where: sports, SPCA, food kitchen, shelter, environment, camp, orphanage, nursing home, jail, tutoring
- ~~part~~ builds character
- develop personal identity
- ~~takes passion~~ ~~takes passion~~

### Not Required to Volunteer

- stretched too thin between family, school, church, and work
- requirement <sup>never</sup> diminishes intent of charity and giving unselfishly
- restricts freedom; takes away choice
- breeds dishonesty, minimalism
- missing the point of charity if you get something out of it
- some students need to support their families and work instead
- develops dislike for volunteering
- takes passion out of giving
- takes fun/excitement out of volunteering - makes it a chore
- no fun to volunteer w/ someone who doesn't want to