

Community Engagement Guidelines

The Community Engagement experience is a very important part of the Rural Works! internship program. These hours provide you with an opportunity to engage with members of the community outside of work to deepen your understanding of the community. Rural Works! interns must participate in a minimum of 8 hours of compensated time in a community engagement activity.

Requirements

- Complete 8 hours of community service/engagement in the county of your internship.
- Hours can be completed during your work week with approval from your supervisor.
- Notify Rebekah Dunstan and your supervisor of when and where you plan on completing your hours.
- Submit the reflection form after you have completed the hours.

Guidelines

- Community engagement hours should be spent doing work that directly benefits the community.
- All 8 hours should be completed with the same site/organization
- Your supervisor or Rebekah can help you identify opportunities if needed.
- Examples include:
 - Youth education
 - Tutoring at a K-12 school
 - Volunteering at a summer camp
 - College preparation
 - Community involvement
 - Volunteering at local nonprofit organizations
 - Volunteering at a food pantry and community centers
 - Community festivals, town events
 - Environmental clean-ups
- Things that do not count:
 - Fundraising
 - Making donations (cans to a food pantry)

Please let Rebekah know if you have any questions regarding if your community engagement activity meets the requirements.