

Essay

The events of 9/11 caused many people to reflect on what it means to be an American and live in a free and democratic society. Sometimes it means taking on duties and responsibilities that benefit one's fellow citizens, *and* actively participating in civil, political and community affairs. **In a minimum of 500 words, discuss the following:**

- **what does it mean to live in a democratic society and what are some values you believe are associated with a democratic way of life?**
- **how have these values motivated you to become involved in helping your community, school, and/or fellow citizens?**
- **describe a specific project or activity you developed or participated in that provided service to others; and**
- **what was the impact of that experience on your life?**

Be sure to address each of the points above within your essay!

Volunteer, Work, and Extracurricular Experiences

List volunteer, work, and extracurricular experiences such as student government, campus organizations, etc. Feel free to attach a separate sheet with additional experiences. **Please note:** Volunteer and civic service should be substantive, varied and not solely connected to high school community service requirements.

Name of organization/activity (Ex: Citizen's Community Center)	Year(s) & duration (Ex: 2010, 3 months)	Briefly describe activity and number of hours per week (Ex: Tutored 3 rd graders afterschool, twice a week, 4 hrs. total)

Teacher/Guidance Counselor/Supervisor Letter of Support

Use the Teacher/Guidance Counselor Letter of Support Form available on the College Now website, and submit it along with all the other required documents. **Do not mail it in separately.** A form is also available for Volunteer Supervisors. Although not required, letters of support from volunteer supervisors are strongly encouraged.

Signatures

1.) College Now liaison's or coordinator's verification of student's registration in or completion of at least one College Now course or workshop

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2.) Principal's signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions for submitting application

Upon completion, return application packet by March 21, 2011 to:

Your high school's College Now liaison

In cases where there is no CN liaison, please return directly to the College Now program in which you participated.

Contact information for College Now offices at the campuses can be found at collegenow.cuny.edu/ourschools