

# *Student Activists for Service-Learning*



## **Student Activists for Service-learning: A Youth Leadership Board** **Student Membership Information**

**What is service learning?** Service-learning is a way of learning new information by combining classroom academics with a community service project. The principles of service-learning are: (1) student engagement in choosing and planning project, (2) students and teachers identify learning goals of project, (3) project is meaningful and makes a difference and (4) students participate in project reflection and evaluation.

**Mission Statement of the Student Activists for Service Learning:** SASL's mission is to engage New Haven teachers in developing service-learning projects in order to expose students to learning through the service-learning process.

**SASL Goals:** SASL members will learn the principles of excellent service-learning and practice those principles as part of all of the Youth Board's activities. Encourage teachers to develop service-learning projects in their classrooms. Develop administrative procedures for managing the Board's functions. Participate in training and networking activities for service learning via conferences and advanced leadership opportunities.

**Leadership Opportunity:** Youth who want an opportunity to develop leadership skills and complete a meaningful community service should consider becoming a SASL member. The tasks of the Board are to recruit proposals from teachers for possible funding; rank proposals in order of importance; provide a mini-grant to the winning classes; visit the grant site over the course of the project and receive the final report and evaluation of the project from the project site. This is a service activity and qualifies for community service hours for graduation requirements.

**Requirements of membership:** SASL members are required to attend meetings regularly. A certificate of participation will be awarded yearly to every student with a 90% attendance rate. Members must also have a recommendation from an adult sponsor (other than a parent) and be willing to complete up to 4 hours of work (per month) outside of the regular meeting time. SASL members are required to arrange for their own transportation (mileage and bus costs can be refunded). Meetings are held every other Thursday at Common Ground High School from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**How to apply:** Send the following application and reference form from a teacher to The School for Ethical Education, 440 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford, CT 06461. You can also fax the application and recommendation letter to (203) 783-4461. For more information about the SASL program please call Mrs. Chaffin @ 783-4436 and visit the School's web site at [www.ethicsed.org/programs/sasl/index.htm](http://www.ethicsed.org/programs/sasl/index.htm)

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**Member Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Student Activists for Service-learning. Please return this application and reference form to your school advisor or: The School for Ethical Education at the address below or by fax to (203) 783-4461. We will contact you immediately to let you know we have received your application.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What experience do you have with service-learning or leadership?

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Please provide a short paragraph about your strengths and how SASL will benefit with your membership:

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Signature

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Date





**The School for Ethical Education**  
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**Student Activists for Service-learning**  
**Parent/Guardian Permission and Release Waiver**  
**09-10 School Year**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The School for Ethical Education (SEE) has invited your child to take part in a program entitled *Student Activists for Service-learning: Youth Leadership Board (SASL)*. Please do not hesitate to call the SASL Youth Advisor, Linda Chaffin, at any time you have a question.

SEE is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization whose mission is to encourage learning experiences that foster positive and ethical decisions. Student Activists for Service-learning members learn leadership skills and build character through working on a service-learning project, which encourages teachers to use service-learning as a teaching and methodology.

For adequate consideration, as parent or legal guardian of (child' name) \_\_\_\_\_, I grant to the School for Ethical Education unqualified and irrevocable permission to photograph, videotape, or record in any form my child's or ward's image and voice as well as to create transcriptions of my child's or ward's voice arising from video, pictures or audio recordings created for the sole purpose of promoting the Student Activists for Service-learning activities. Such photos or recordings may be created strictly for advancing the service-learning work of The SASL Board, including use of materials in internal documents, promotional materials, audiovisual works, and display by any means including the Internet, at any time in the future.

Additionally, I grant The School for Ethical Education unqualified and irrevocable permission to use my child's or ward's name in conjunction with the aforementioned photographs, videotapes, recordings, and transcriptions.

I hereby release The School for Ethical Education from any and all claims of any kind resulting from the use of the aforementioned recordings and transcriptions of my child's or ward's image, voice, and

property including but not limited to, any and all claims of damages for libel, slander, invasion of the right of privacy.

I understand that my student will arrange his/her own transportation to regular meetings and on occasion drive with staff from The School for Ethical Education. My signature below notes that I will hold harmless The School for Ethical Education and its staff in the event of an accident or injury while traveling.

Additionally, there may be times in which your child may be attending a special event and not be at the regular meeting space. This permission grants that the student may attend these special events with your oral (telephone) agreement.

**Parent Release:**

I am of lawful age and have read and understand this Authorization, Assignment and Release. By signing this form we acknowledge that we have read and understand the above statement. With the following signatures, we approve the participation of our son/daughter in the activities and travel associated with The Student Activists for Service-learning, a program of The School for Ethical Education.

*Parent/Guardian Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Student Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include city, state and zip code.

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Emergency Contact:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Stipulations:* \_\_\_\_\_

*SEE does not intend to include the above home information in any reports created from this document.*