



Volunteer Opportunities For Teens

Make a Difference



Local Volunteer Agencies

Agencies may require an application process.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

Long Island Chapter

516-747-3500

youthservicesnyc@redcross.org

12 years & older



Atria– Ronkonkoma & South Setauket

www.atriaseniorliving.com

Karen Farrell

631-473-8000

16 years & older



Avalon Park Nature Initiative

<https://avalonnaturepreserve.org/youth-programs/nature-initiative>

Kayla Serina

631-689-0619

kayla@avalonnaturepreserve.org

Accepting new applications in APRIL 2024

Grades 8 through 12 (up to 17 years old)



Bethel Hobbs Community Farm

<http://hobbsfarm.info>

631-774-1556

Volunteers– Bring a pair of gloves

11-18 years old

(11-13 with parent)

(Mon.-Sat. 9-4pm, Sundays by appointment only)

Waiver Form Required



Bide-A-Wee Junior Volunteer Program

<https://www.bideawee.org/programs/volunteer/>

Deanna Murphy (Westhampton) deanna.murphy@bideawee.org

631-684-0079 ext. 7118

12-17 years old

Online Application Required



finding loving
homes for
rescued animals

Coastal Steward – Beach Cleanups

<https://www.coastalsteward.org>

Bruce Folz

631-742-7712

Opportunities for All Ages



Energeia for Teens- Molloy College

www.molloy.edu/about/community-outreach/energeia-teens

Deb or Waldron

516-323-4734

energeiaforteens@molloy.edu

14-18 years old

Online Application Required



Farmingville Residents Association Youth Civic

<https://farmingvilleresidents.home.blog/>

Susie Bogden-Sweeney

631-260-7411

fra23@optonline.net

14-18 years old



Gigi's Playhouse Long Island

<https://gigisplayhouse.org/longisland/>

Karen Drago

631-438-1153

kdrago@gigisplayhouse.org

Online Application Required



The Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

GuideDog.org

Barrie Madasu

631-930-9000 ext. 1254

info@guidedog.org

Opportunities for All Ages—Application Required



Habitat for Humanity of Long Island, New York

www.habitatliny.org

631-422-4828

info@habitatLINY.org

16 years & older

Opportunities for 5 to 40 years old & families



Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society

<https://lakerhs.org/volunteers/>

631-467-3152

lakeronk328@optonline.net

Call for community service opportunities

League of Yes

www.leagueofyes.com/volunteer/

Kristine Fitzpatrick

631-278-6385

kristine@leagueofyes.com

11-18 years old (Spring & Fall Only) -

Application Required



LGBT Network

<https://lgbtnetwork.org/content/network-volunteer-application>

631-665-2300

volunteer@lgbtnetwork.org

All Ages



Long Island Cares, Hauppauge

www.licares.org/make-a-difference/volunteer/

Christine Brown

631- 582-3663 ext. 120

info@licares.org

14 years & older



Long Island Explorium, Port Jefferson

<https://longislandexplorium.org/>

Rianna Balz

631-331-3277

rianna@longislandexplorium.org

15 years & older—Application Required



Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University

<https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/volunteer>

Samantha Calandrino

631-444-8590

Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org

14-17 years old—Must be fully vaccinated



Mather Hospital

www.matherhospital.org/volunteer/

Keri Dunne

631-476-2749 ext. 4249

14 years & older—Must be fully vaccinated



Middle Country Youth Civic Association

631-835-3429

mcyouthcivic@yahoo.com

Call for volunteer opportunities



New York Blood Services

<https://www.nybc.org/support-us/volunteer/>

516-478-5164

Volunteers@nyloc.org

16 years & older

Online Application Required



Pal-O-Mine Equestrian

<https://pal-o-mine.org/volunteer/>

631-348-1389

volunteer@pal-o-mine.org

16 years & older

Must attend volunteer orientation and receive 8 hours of training

Minimum of 4 hours per week



See what a horse can do for you!

Quogue Wildlife Refuge

<http://quoguewildliferefuge.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>

Marisa Nelson

631-653-4771

marisa@quoguewildliferefuge.org

13 years & older

Reality Check Long Island

<http://realitycheckli.org/>

Judith Montauban

631-415-0944

Judith.montauban@lung.org

12-18 years old



Relay-for-Life
American Cancer Society
[RelayForLife.org](https://www.relayforlife.org)
631-300-3171
12 years & older



Sachem Community Youth Services
Ilyse Kantor
631-585-1811
ik.sachemcys@gmail.com
Tutors Needed



Save-A-Pet: Port Jefferson Station
www.saveapetusa.org/volunteer/
Dori Scofield
631-473-6333 ext. 141
info@saveapetusa.org
12 years & older



Special Olympics
<https://www.specialolympics.org/get-involved/volunteer>
Brendan Callahan
631-254-1465 ext. 4202
bcallahan@nyso.org
13 years & older
Ages 13-15 must be accompanied by adult



St. Charles Hospital
<https://www.chsli.org/st-charles-hospital/ways-give/volunteer>
Tasha Felix-Jerome
631-474-6251
Tasha.felix-jerome@chsli.org
15 years & older
Application Required
Must commit 3-4 hours per week for minimum of 6 months



**Suffolk County Council
Boy Scouts of America**
Kimberly Russell
631-924-7000 ext. 118
Kimberly.russell@scouting.org
14 years old & older
Call for volunteer opportunities



Suffolk County Police Explorers, Medford
<https://scpdcrb.suffolkcountyny.gov/Police-Explorers>
631-854-8673
Scpd.6thprecintexplorers@suffolkcountyny.org
14-21 years old

**Sunshine Prevention Center, Port Jefferson
Station**
www.sunshinepreventionctr.org
Carol Carter
631-476-3099
Drcarter.sunshinecenter@gmail.com
14 years & older



Sweetbriar Nature Center
<http://sweetbriarnc.org>
Isabel Fernandes
631-979-6344 ext. 305
imfswbriarfc@aol.com
16 years & older



Three Village Historical Society
<https://www.threevillagehistoricalsociety.org/volunteer>
631-751-3730
development@tvhs.org
13-16+ years
Online Application Required



Town of Brookhaven Youth Board

www.brookhavenny.gov/551/youth-board

631-451-8011 (main)

14-18 years

Online Application Available



**Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau
INTERFACE Program**

www.brookhavenny.gov

Josephine Lunde

631-451-8011 (main)

631-451-8026 (voicemail)

11-18 years



VFW Post 3054

<https://post3054.com/>

631-406-1938

VFWpost3054@gmail.com

Call or email for community service opportunities

Ward Melville Heritage Organization

[https://wmho.org/education-programs/
youth-corps/](https://wmho.org/education-programs/youth-corps/)

631-751-2244

glindau@wmho.org

11-17 years



YMCA- Patchogue

[https://ymcali.org/association-services/
volunteer](https://ymcali.org/association-services/volunteer)

Phil Insalaco

631-891-1800 ext. 1812

phil.insalaco@ymcali.org

15-17 years old



Junior Firefighter Programs

These programs are generally restricted to teens between the ages of 14 and 17. An application may be required; please contact your local Fire Department for availability and more.

Farmingville Fire Department

<https://www.farmingvillefd.org/>

780 Horseblock Road
Farmingville, NY 11738
631-732-6611

Holbrook Fire Department

<https://www.holbrookfd.org/>

390 Terry Road
Holbrook, NY 11741
631-588-0099

Holtsville Fire Department

<https://holtsvillefd.com/>

1025 Waverly Avenue
Holtsville, NY 11742
631-475-5238

Lakeland Fire Department

<https://www.lakelandfd.net/>

929 Johnson Avenue
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-588-8373

Ronkonkoma Fire Department

<https://www.ronkonkomafd.org/>

Explorer Program
177 Portion Road
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-588-8204

Independent Volunteer Opportunities

AmeriCorps

www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.



AmeriCorps

ASPCA

<http://www.aspca.org/take-action>

Create your own fundraising campaign for animals.



Do Something

www.dosomething.org

Uses the power of online to get teens to do good stuff offline.



Kids for Wish Kids

<https://wish.org/volunteer>

Partner with Make-A-Wish chapters to create fundraisers and sponsor a wish for a child with a life-threatening medical condition.



The Long Island Volunteer Center

<https://longislandvolunteercenter.org>

A central hub for individuals and groups to connect directly with organizations.



Nicodemus Wilderness Project Apprentice Ecologist Initiative Program

<http://www.wildernessproject.org/volunteer.php>

The Nicodemus Wilderness Project is a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported nonprofit organization that coordinates large-scale events that utilize the resources of the local community to provide long-term environmental benefits for nature and wildlife.



Operation Gratitude

<https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks-virtual/>

Show appreciation to service members by working on projects at home such as paracord bracelets and knitting or sewing hats and scarves.



Project Linus

www.projectlinus.org

Project Linus is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."



Salvation Army

www.salvationarmyusa.org

The Salvation Army provides social services, rehabilitation centers, disaster services, character building groups, and activities for all ages.



Ryan's Case for Smiles

<https://caseforsmiles.org/new-york/>

Sew cheerful pillowcases to help a child cope with illness.



Students Rebuild

<http://studentsrebuild.org>

Create simple symbolic objects that are matched by funding from the organization to take action and facilitate change internationally.



United Way

<https://www.unitedwayli.org/>

The United Way is a nationwide umbrella organization for thousands of charitable organizations.



Volunteer Match

www.volunteermatch.org

As the largest online network of participating nonprofits, VolunteerMatch attracts thousands of volunteers every day.



Youth Changing the World

Youth Service America

www.ysa.org

Find your voice, take action, and make an impact on vital community issues.



Think outside the box!

Many community groups are looking for volunteers, and some may not have occurred to you. Most of us know that hospitals, libraries, and churches use volunteers for a great deal of their work, but here are some volunteer opportunities that may not have crossed your mind:

- Day care centers, Neighborhood Watch, Public Schools, and Colleges
- Community Theaters, Fraternal Organizations, and Civic Clubs
- Retirement Centers and Homes for the Elderly, Meals on Wheels, Church or Community-Sponsored Soup Kitchens or Food Pantries
- Museums, Art Galleries, and Monuments
- Community Choirs, Bands, and Orchestras
- Neighborhood Parks, Youth Organizations, Sports Teams, and after-school programs
- Historical Restorations, Battlefields, and National Parks

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