How does Student Affairs define service?
Service is the act of freely donating one’s time and talents to assist an organization or individual without the expectation of personal gain.

What counts as service?
Any event/occurrence in which you are engaged in a helping activity and for which you are not receiving compensation counts as service.

Can I volunteer during work?
Because volunteering means that you are not being compensated for your time, you cannot volunteer during work hours unless you take vacation time, volunteer during lunch, or participate in pre-approved on-campus service events. If you are still not sure if an activity would count as service, please contact Mary Jane Partain or Angela Marin via email and they will provide additional guidance.

Types of pre-approved on-campus events that count toward service:
- Memories on the Mall
- Graduation
- Move In

Where do other Student Affairs staff volunteer?
In the two years since we have been monitoring service, our staff have volunteered with over 50 agencies. Some places/concepts/ideas you might want to consider:
- Your child’s school
- Local places of worship
- Homeless shelters
- Food banks
- Veteran centers
- Animal shelters
- Civic organizations

How do you submit service?
We have two different links to submit service. For those wishing to donate anonymously, you can go here. For those wishing to submit time for credit, please go here.

Why is it important to submit my service?
Service allows our staff to successfully contribute toward three of our seven divisional strategic initiatives.
- By allowing and recognizing our staff’s contributions towards individual service areas, we are promoting an inclusive environment.
- Through service, staff have the opportunity to develop their skillsets, which provides staff development.
- By sharing our service with our internal and external stakeholders, we are communicating our value.

How much service has Student Affairs staff contributed?
As of August 2018, our division has reported 2,430 hours of service to local communities. According to Independent Sector, which publishes yearly volunteer hour service rates, the Texas rate of service for 2017 was $24.64 per hour. This makes the value of our service more than $59,800.