

### Instructions:

A photo illustration is a type of computer art that begins with a digitized photograph. Using special image enhancement software, the artist can then apply a variety of special effects to transform the photo into a work of art.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME OR SCHOOL NAME ON YOUR ENTRY.

## WHAT JUDGES LOOK

- Visually communicates an idea
- Shows originality and innovation
- Shows creativity
- Work is clean and well executed
- Artistic details fit topic or content
- Sophisticated use of illustration software
- Follows current design trends

## Contest 26 Graphic Design: Photo Illustration

### Assignment:

- Design one black-and-white or color photo illustration that fits on an 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper. Submit one photograph that has been manipulated through Photoshop or other photo-manipulation program to accompany a story package for publication using typography and/or art and graphics.
- The story for which you must create the photo illustration uses the details below.
- Access available photos for this contest on the JEA site. You may manipulate the photos as you choose to create one photo for a photo illustration. Contestant entries may ONLY include images, photos and clip art provided with the contest material on the JEA website. NO OTHER IMAGES MAY BE USED except for items created independently by the contestant. If the judges feel that the entry violates the spirit of this rule, it will be disqualified.
- Prepare materials before the convention and upload a PDF to [writeoffs.jea.org](http://writeoffs.jea.org). **Material MUST be uploaded no later than Oct. 25, 2017, by 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central, 5 p.m. Mountain, 4 p.m. Pacific, 3 p.m. Alaska and 1 p.m. Hawaii time.**
- You must be present at the convention and attend the critique session on Friday or you will be disqualified.



### Submission Instructions:

#### To Make A PDF

Depending on the software you are using to create your page, the procedure for exporting as a PDF will vary. In general, however, you want to export your PDF as a medium-range quality, such as "High Quality Print." The PDF may not be larger than 4 MB. In InDesign, this is done on the Export Adobe PDF dialog box (File >> Adobe PDF Presets >> High Quality Print).

If you created your entry in a program other than InDesign, you can still reduce the file size significantly by using Adobe Acrobat Pro. Look for a feature such as "Reduce File Size." In Acrobat Pro X, this is done by File >> Save As >> Reduced Size PDF.

#### To Upload An Entry

After preparing the PDF, go to [writeoffs.jea.org](http://writeoffs.jea.org). Select the View Contests under Manage Students. Click on the  icon beside the contest name and then the  icon to manage student submissions. **Material MUST be uploaded no later than Oct. 25, 2017 by 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central, 5 p.m. Mountain, 4 p.m. Pacific, 3 p.m. Alaska and 1 p.m. Hawaii time.**

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## **Topic:**

# **Mandatory Service Learning for Students**

**from Edlab.com**

## **Debate Over Making Community Service Mandatory in High Schools**

An ongoing debate that seems to be at the center of much attention is whether community service should be mandatory in America's high schools.

Service learning is a strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and self-reflection to support a variety of goals: (1) enhancing academic learning, (2) teaching civic responsibility, (3) developing 21st century skills, (4) increasing global awareness and (5) strengthening communities.

Numerous schools across the country have mandated that in order for their students to graduate, they must complete a predetermined amount of community service.

Today, elementary, middle, high and postsecondary schools across the nation participate in service learning with the support of federal, state, district, and foundation funding. It is estimated that more than 4.2 million students participated in service learning during the 2015-2016 academic year in about 20,400 schools. Of these participants, high schools were most likely to engage students in community service or to include service learning as part of their curriculum.

This action though has been met with opposition from various groups who have denounced its mandatory enforcement.

Proponents of mandatory community service argue that it helps build leadership skills in students and better prepares them for future jobs in which leadership is valued. It also serves as a symbiotic relationship between the volunteer and the recipient.

This can be attributed to the fact that participation in community service simultaneously helps diversify an individual's college application while providing free, beneficial services to the recipient.

Research has also shown that on average, students involved in any sort of community service graduate at a higher rate than those who are not.

Inner-city school districts such as Chicago, Seattle and Washington, D.C., have noticed this trend and as a result have made it a mandatory graduation requirement. Some politicians in New York City are pushing for the city's school system to follow suit though the Board of Education has refused to do so.

Opponents of mandatory community service express the belief that community service isn't a subject that should be forced upon students. True volunteering lies in an individual's will and drive to help others and enforcing it eliminates that drive. By forcing students to do community service, school officials are essentially doing the equivalent of the mandatory system practiced in penitentiaries across the nation.

Furthermore, by implementing mandatory community service, students are burdened with yet an extra criteria to meet in order to graduate.

Many students seem to agree with this stance as a survey conducted in 2015 by the Council for Excellence in Government Youth showed that a majority of high school-aged students were against mandatory community service.