Volunteer Tennessee Service-Learning Opportunities

January 13, 2022
2022 TBR High Impact Practice Statewide Conference
Overview

• What is Volunteer Tennessee?
• Service-learning & instructional methods course revision pilot
• Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning
• Service-learning program grants
• Other service-learning connections
Volunteer Tennessee

- Governor’s commission on volunteerism and service
- Created in 1994 by Executive Order
- 25 board members appointed by Governor & 12 ex officio designees
- Support for 23 sub-grantees
- MISSION: To encourage volunteerism and community service.
- VISION: The State of Tennessee is the national leader in the promotion of volunteerism, community service initiatives and partnerships in which its citizens of all ages and backgrounds engage in services addressing the educational, public safety, environmental and other human needs of the state and nation.
Volunteer Tennessee Programs

- AmeriCorps State
- Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning
- Governor’s Volunteer Stars Awards
- Tennessee Serves
Service-learning & instructional methods course revision pilot

• **Purpose:**
  • Proposed revisions must incorporate service-learning as an instructional method.
  • Revisions must conform to the TBR High Impact Practices service-learning minimum definition of practice.
  • Proposed revisions must result in a framework for service-learning, either in one course or a series of courses, in the teacher education curriculum that can be replicated, scaled-up, and used as an example of best practices.
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• Eligibility:
  • Course revisions to elementary and secondary education instructional methods classes will be considered for funding.
  • Successful applicants will be able to utilize grant funds to support direct expenses related to course revision and implementation, including faculty stipends.
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- **Funding Tiers:**

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• **Timeline:**
  • February 4, 2022 - RFP released.
  • March 4, 2022 - Proposal submission deadline.
  • March 12, 2022 - Proposals selected by review committee.
  • Summer 2022 - Course development.
  • Fall 2022 - Pilot implementation.
  • December 2022 - Final evaluation report.
TN Conference on Volunteerism & Service-Learning

- February 13-14, 2022
  - Attend Higher Ed track
  - Bring students – youth track
  - Present workshops (for 2023)
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Service-learning program grants

- Youth Civic Engagement grants
  - Community-based and K-16 service-learning program implementation grants.
  - Involve young people in service-learning projects that simultaneously support student development and meet community needs.
  - Between $5,000 and $40,000 for one year.
Other service-learning connections

• Partner with current national service programs – listing at www.volunteertennessee.net

• Get involved in national days of service
  • MLK Day
  • 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance
  • Make A Difference Day

• Governor’s Volunteer Stars Awards (2/13/22)
  • Nominate volunteers for recognition
  • Manage local events in counties w/out coordinator

• Tennessee Serves - Statewide volunteer portal https://voltnhq.galaxydigital.com/
  • Direct students to volunteer opportunities