



Volunteer for Experience

Did you know?

According to the [Career Builders' 2011 Annual Forecast](#) work experience is one of the most influential factors in making hiring decisions. While gaining work experience is challenging for college students, [41% of employers surveyed include volunteer work](#) as relevant experience. Students often underestimate the [experience they can gain and the connections](#) they can make volunteering at a Professional Association event. Encourage your students to consider how volunteering can help them contribute and connect in their community.

Try this...

- Ask them...

What kind of volunteer experiences have you had?

What are some advantages you gain for volunteering?

How could volunteering at a Professional Association event help you?

- View video.
- Distribute the [Student Activity](#), review the directions and complete.
- Discuss their next steps to find a volunteer experience they would like.

Add an Experience!

Connect with a Professional Association in your discipline and identify a conference, meeting or event that your class could help out at. Share the volunteer opportunity with your class and encourage students to participate.