



Application • Part 2

Biographical Essay

Project SERVE (Service and Education through Residential Volunteer Experience) enables recent college graduates from across the US to provide one year of service to the disadvantaged in the Baltimore metropolitan area through one of several Catholic Charities programs.

The biographical essay is an important part of the application process. It allows program staff to gain a better understanding of each candidate's background, and enables us to recommend specific service opportunities that will best fit a candidate's interests and experience.

Please return the completed essay no later than April 15 to:

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Please attach this cover sheet to the completed essay.

Submitted by

Name _____

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Develop a brief biographical essay addressing the following areas (*please limit your response to three pages*).

I. Family life

Describe life with your family. Who had the biggest impact on you and in what way? What was your role in the family?

II. Other relationships

Describe those relationships, both positive and negative, with individuals whom you regard as important people in your life. What has it been like to live alone or with others?

III. Volunteer experience

Describe your experience serving others. What did you do? Why? How were you affected?

IV. Mission

Describe how you currently live the mission of Catholic Charities:

1. provide healing and care to those in need
2. educate people to social awareness and motivate them to act
3. advocate for public policy that ensures a just society

V. Personal characteristics

What are your strengths? In what situations do they become apparent? What do your friends say that they like about you? How do you interact with others in group situations? In what areas would you like to grow? What causes you stress? How do you respond to stressful situations? How do you respond to directives from peers or supervisors? How do you handle differences of opinion?

Questions? Please call 443.986.9029 or email inquiries to astone@cc-md.org