



# Turning Community Service Into Money For College

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- ✓ Finding Community Service Opportunities
- ✓ Service Scholarships and How To Find Them

# Finding Community Service Opportunities



People who need help  
sometimes look a lot like  
people who don't need help.

Glennon Doyle Melton

quote fancy



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Search Volunteer Maine **SEARCH**

Volunteer Maine  
Maine Commission for Community Service

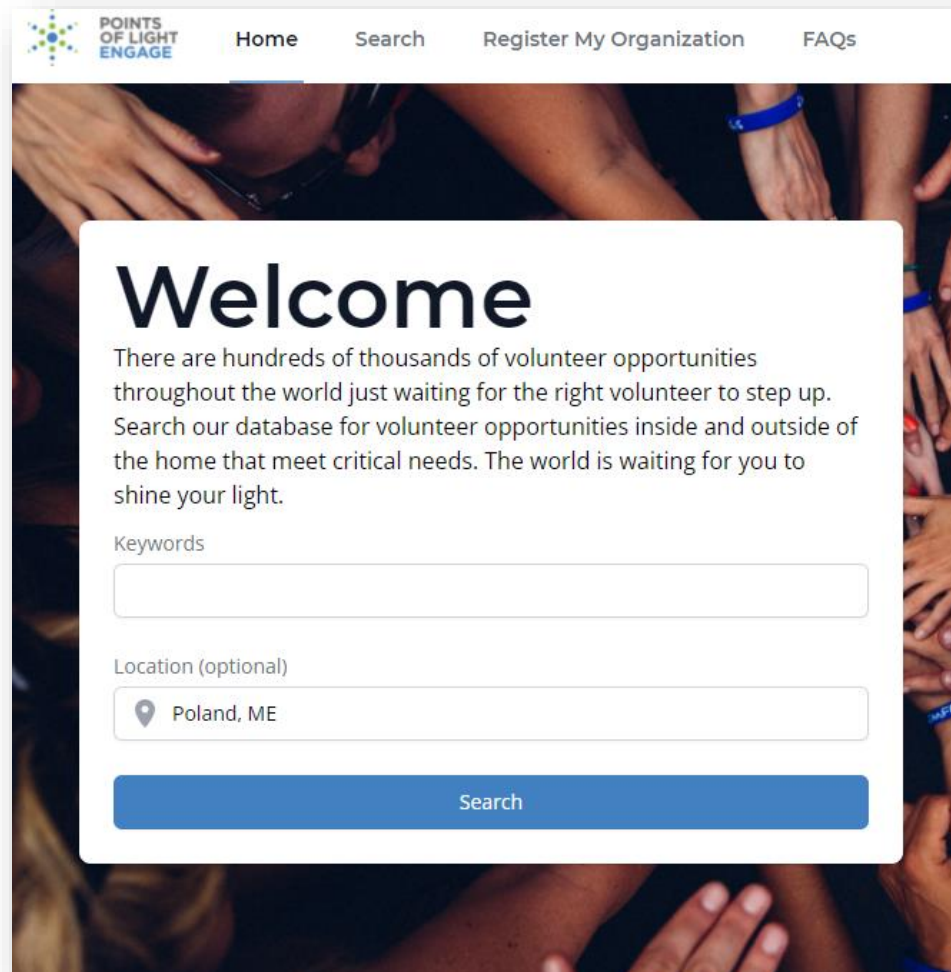
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**Looking to volunteer in Maine?**

- Search for volunteer opportunities on Points of Light Engage (formerly All for Good). Access the page [here](#)
- Interested in learning about National Service? [Learn more](#)
- Serve in Maine: [Browse AmeriCorps opportunities](#)
- Serve in Maine: [Browse AmeriCorps Seniors opportunities](#)
- Disaster response volunteering - [visit Maine Ready](#)

**MULTIPLE ALERTS: Join**





The screenshot shows the homepage of the Points of Light Engage website. The background is a collage of hands reaching together. A white search overlay is centered on the page. At the top of the overlay, the text 'Welcome' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below this, a paragraph of text describes the website's purpose: 'There are hundreds of thousands of volunteer opportunities throughout the world just waiting for the right volunteer to step up. Search our database for volunteer opportunities inside and outside of the home that meet critical needs. The world is waiting for you to shine your light.' Below the text are two input fields: 'Keywords' and 'Location (optional)'. The 'Location (optional)' field has a location pin icon and the text 'Poland, ME'. A blue 'Search' button is at the bottom of the overlay. The website's navigation bar is at the top, featuring the 'POINTS OF LIGHT ENGAGE' logo and links for 'Home', 'Search', 'Register My Organization', and 'FAQs'.

POINTS OF LIGHT  
ENGAGE


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## Welcome

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Keywords

Location (optional)

 Poland, ME

[Search](#)

## Skills/Interests

☐ Administrative 3456

☐ Advocacy 2555

☐ Marketing 2514

☐ EMT 2402

## Features

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### Volunteer Visitor for the Elderly

Catholic Charities

Auburn, ME 9 Miles Recruiting now

[View opportunity](#)

### Library Volunteer

Cornish Library Association

Cornish, ME 27 Miles Recruiting now

[View opportunity](#)

### Charity Thrift Shop Volunteer

Still A Good Cause Thrift Shop

Portland, ME 28 Miles Recruiting now

[View opportunity](#)

### Volunteer Visitor for a Senior

Catholic Charities Maine SEARCH Program

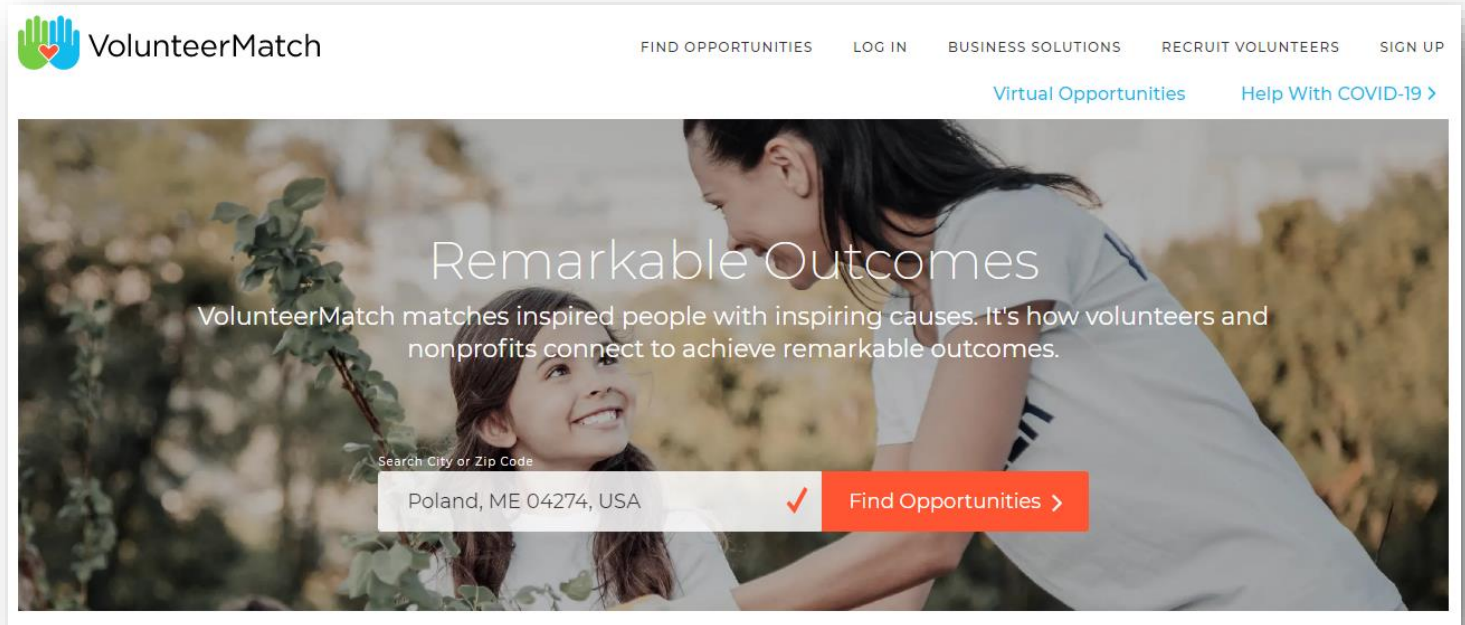
Bath, ME 31 Miles Recruiting now

[View opportunity](#)

### Volunteer Opportunity - You Can Make a Difference in Your Community

Leeward Charitable Foundation

[View opportunity](#)



- Keep search broader to teens
- Good number of at home service opportunities, especially for those who are crafty

**Preparedness Week**: Host a five-day campaign designed to motivate your peers to prepare in case of a disaster.

**Fire Canvassing**: Gather a group together to distribute lifesaving fire safety information, American Red Cross news and the youth brochure to residents of local neighborhoods and businesses.

**Prepare and Share Kit Drive**: Organize a kit drive activity in which essential preparedness items are collected, assembled in a pack and delivered to those who need it most.

**Zombie Apocalypse Party**: A zombie apocalypse party utilizes an impending 'zombie apocalypse' to help educate your school and community how to prepare for disasters like a zombie outbreak.

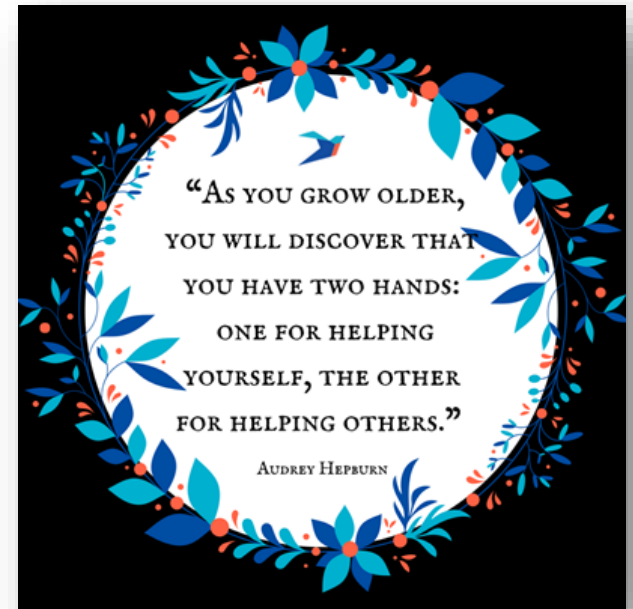




**Habitat for Humanity Maine:** 8 Maine organizations with varied volunteer opportunities

**Maine Humane Societies:** 11 sites around the state with a verity of opportunities for teens

**Meals on Wheels:** Drivers, Assistant Presenters, Office Support



**Sierra Student Coalition:** The Sierra Student Coalition is a network of young people ages 14-35 organizing for climate, racial and economic justice.

**Best Buddies Maine:** One-to-one friendships between individuals with and without IDD.



- **BookShare.org** Contribute your skills and passions to help people with print disabilities read. From scanning and proofreading, to describing images, to providing support for Bookshare® teachers and families.
- **TranslatorsWithoutBorders.org** Providing translations for non-profit organizations in the areas of crisis relief, health and education.
- **BeMyEyes.com** Be My Eyes is a free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for visual assistance through a live video call.

“HELP OTHERS AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK.  
I GUARANTEE YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT  
WHILE PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVES THE  
LIVES AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU,  
ITS GREATEST REWARD IS THE  
ENRICHMENT AND NEW MEANING IT WILL  
BRING YOUR OWN LIFE.”

—ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER





## Use Free Searches

- FAMEMaine.com
- Maine Community Foundation
- iGrad <https://fame.igrad.com/scholarships>
- GoingMerry.com
- **DoSomething.org**

### Other Places to Search

- Employers
- College websites
- **Google it!**

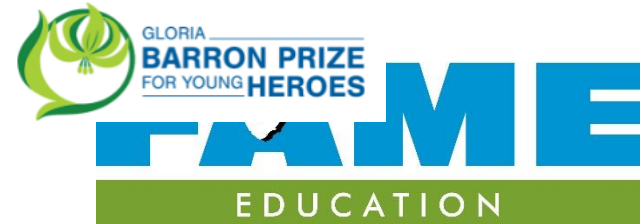




# Prudential Emerging Visionaries

The **Prudential Emerging Visionaries** is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Formally known as the Prudential Spirit Awards, the program awards outstanding middle and high school student volunteers.

- **Who is eligible to apply for the Prudential Sprit of Community Awards?**
  - be in grades 5-12 as of November 5
  - be a legal resident of any U.S. state or Washington, D.C.
  - have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of the application
- **What are the awards worth?**
  - If selected, you may qualify to receive up to \$15,000 — plus an all-expenses-paid trip with your parent or guardian to Prudential headquarters in Newark, NJ, along with coaching and skills development to help take your solution to the next level.



The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people from diverse backgrounds all across North America. Each year, the Barron Prize honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment.

- The Barron Prize welcomes applications from public-spirited young people who are, on our **April 15** deadline:
  - between the ages of 8 and 18 (not yet age 19)
  - permanent residents of and currently residing in the U.S.A. or Canada
  - currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past 12 months
  - working as an individual to lead their service work. The Barron Prize does not accept applications from large groups of young people.
- <https://barronprize.org/>

# Davis Putter Scholarship Fund

The **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund** aids people active in movements for social and economic justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to students who are able to do academic work at the college or university level or are enrolled in a trade or technical program and who are active in the progressive movement.

- <https://davisputter.org/>





# Get Organized

**SMALL ACTS,  
WHEN MULTIPLIED BY  
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE,  
CAN TRANSFORM  
THE WORLD.**

*-Howard Zinn*

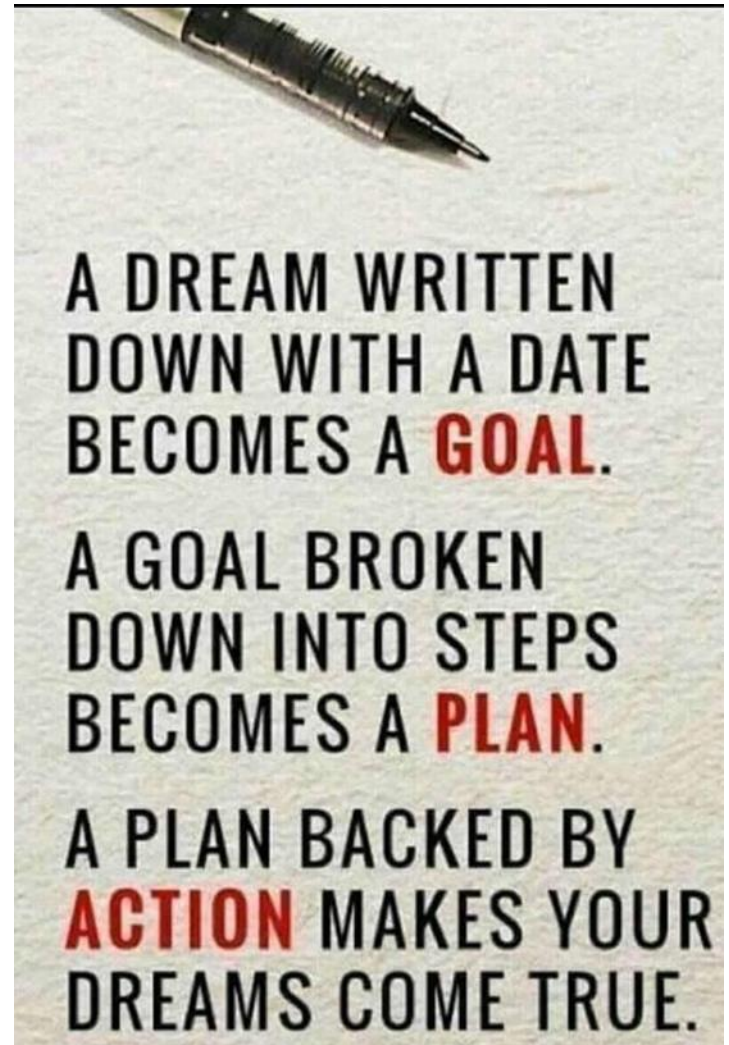
## Get In The Zone

### ■ Build A Resume

- Join
- Volunteer
- Lead
- Give Back

### ■ Make A Plan

- Do scholarship research early
- Build a scholarship spreadsheet
- Don't just take the time, make the time!
- Stay Positive



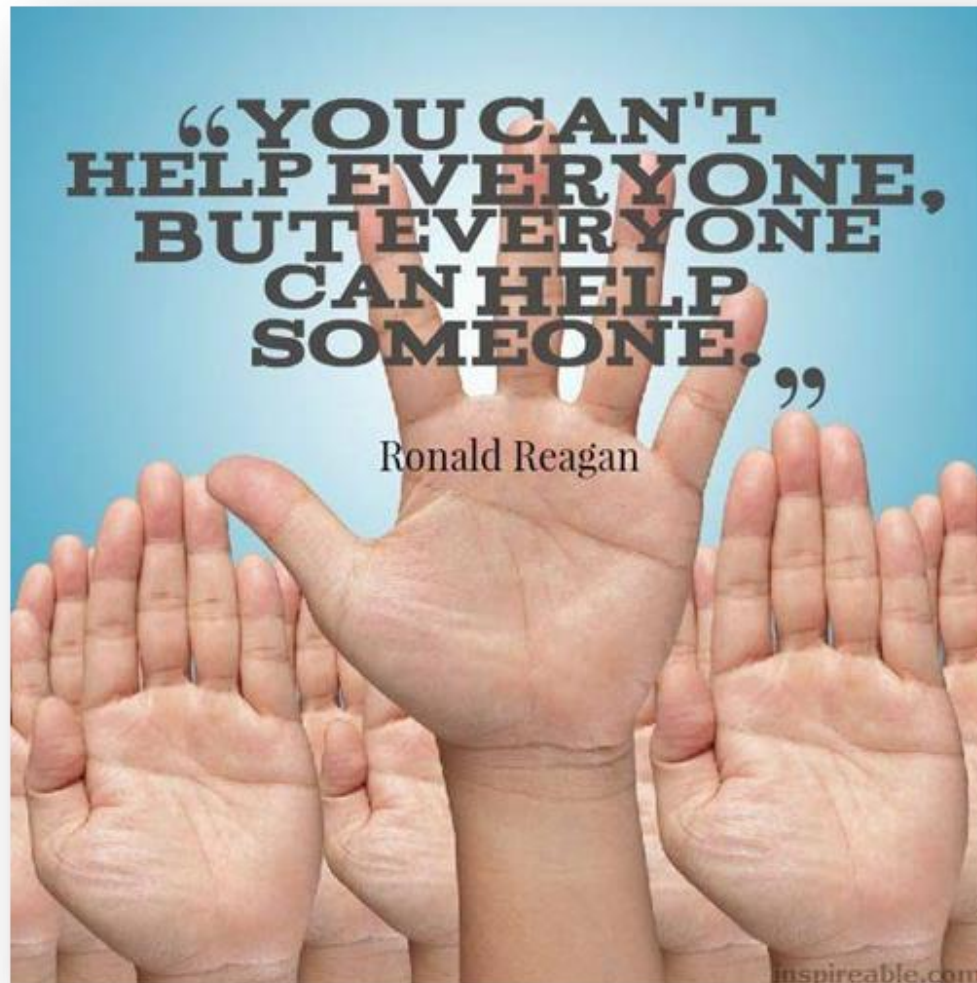


# Make A Plan

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ORGANIZER

Date	Scholarship Name	URL	Contact Info	Address	Qualifications	Amount
20-Sep-21	My Best Chance Scholarship	<a href="http://mybestscholarship.com">http://mybestscholarship.com</a>		123 Best scholarship way	High School Senior or college student	\$1,000

- Look for similar essay & recommendation opportunities
- Make folders for each scholarship
- Don't limit yourself







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  - Mark Your Calendar: **December 8, 2021 at 1pm**



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