



Service Learning SAE



A **SERVICE LEARNING SAE** is conducted by one or more students in which they plan, conduct and evaluate a project designed to provide a service to the school, public entities or the community. It must provide benefit to an organization, group or individuals other than the FFA chapter.

The project must be preapproved by a review committee that includes local stakeholders in addition to the agriculture teacher. It will be of sufficient scope to enable development of student skills and abilities aligned to the AFNR Technical Standards and Career Ready Practices.

Service Learning SAE Quality Indicators:

The Student/Service Learning team:

- Develops a **Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Service Learning Plan**

- Operates under the overview of a local committee to which the student management team provides reports throughout the service learning experience
- Provides for varying levels of student responsibility to allow for skill development and student advancement
- Operates in the local school, community or beyond and provides real world service learning experiences for the students involved
- Provides a summary report of the impact of the project to the local school and community
- Writes a reflection paper which describes their growth from the experience

NOTE: A Service Learning SAE should not appear within the FFA chapter's Program of Activities in a prior year unless it has been significantly expanded or changed.

What is the difference between Community Service and Service Learning?

The main difference is the level of commitment and difference of intention. Community service projects are usually short, one hour to a day, investments of time to an organization or cause that will benefit the community.

Service learning involves being a part of the planning, preparation and implementation that results in benefit to the community. Service

learning requires a higher level of commitment and a sustained investment of time. It also starts with an intention of learning and an expectation of reflection and evaluation.

Managing and executing a community service project is service learning, volunteering the day of the event is community service.