

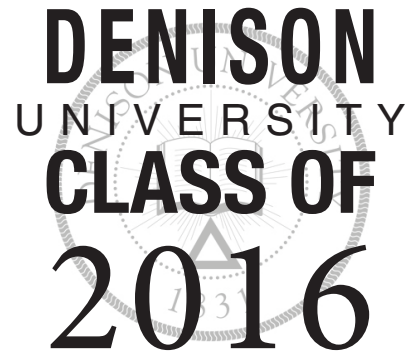


Denison Service Orientation Application

Deadline: June 1, 2012

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The Denison Service Orientation (DSO) is an opportunity for approximately 24 students in the class of 2016 to engage in a rewarding, stimulating, thought provoking, and enjoyable transition to Denison by traveling to Washington, D.C. for a service experience related to homelessness, hunger, and HIV/AIDS. During the program, students will engage in intense community service. The trip will be both physically and emotionally challenging at times, but opportunities in leadership and group building activities, and discussion and reflection on the vast issues dealt with in service will foster support and bonds of friendship.

The DSO will run from Thursday, August 16 to Tuesday, August 21. It is vital to the experience that you attend the entire program. Following various orientation and preparatory activities, the group will travel to Washington, D.C. on Thursday, August 16 and will volunteer at social service agencies. Our days require walking significant distances, working long hours (often involving manual labor); students should have stamina and good health to participate fully in the experience. Time has been set aside so that you can explore and experience the city. Arriving back on campus on August 21, you will then transition to the general August Orientation which begins on August 23. The cost is \$225 for each participant and covers all meals, transportation and lodging. Pell Grant recipients who wish to participate may have their fees waived. We are looking for students who have the potential to become student leaders and to embrace a service lifestyle, but prior leadership and service experiences are not required. For further information, consult the First-Year website at www.denison.edu/academics/firstyear/. Those accepted into the program will be notified before July 1, 2012.



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Service Orientation Application for the Class of 2016

Please print

Student's Name _____ Phone _____

Summer Address _____

E-mail _____

*****Please attach a list of significant community service and/or leadership experiences**
Please respond to the following questions on no more than two double-spaced pages.

1. Why do you participate in community service and if not why are you interested? How do you plan to become involved in community service and social action at Denison?
2. What is a social issue of great concern to you? Why?
3. There is some debate about whether the federal government should partner with faith based organizations to serve the poor, promote public health, etc. On the one hand, some say that channeling tax-payer monies to faith-based organizations raises issues about the separation of church and state. Others argue that as long as the government does not discriminate among faith traditions, these organizations provide effective and efficient means of reaching those in need. Please choose a position and justify your response.
4. What do you think the most challenging thing will be for you on DSO? How will you respond to that challenge?