

# Volunteer Opportunities for High School Students

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Volunteering not only makes you more competitive for college, it also truly helps a cause & can make you feel great. Finding the right volunteer organization is important. Look for something that interests you & think you'll enjoy. Once you find a good fit, stick with that same organization and become a consistent volunteer. Here is a list of volunteer opportunities in the Los Angeles area. They will all happily utilize youth volunteers.

## [American Red Cross](#)

Health and safety education/training

contact: vol@redcrossofsantamonica.org

## [Assistance League of Santa Monica](#)

College scholarships, summer camp, dental & vision support for needy students

contact: alsm@verizon.net

## [Best Buddies](#)

Enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities

## [Boy Scouts of America- Crescent Bay District](#)

Prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices

contact: eastwood@mednet.ucla.edu

## [Center For The Partially Sighted](#)

Optometric low vision evaluations, training in daily living skills

contact: info@low-vision.org

## [City of Santa Monica Volunteer Program](#)

Enhancement and expansion of city services

contact: volunteer@smgov.net

[Common Ground-The Westside HIV Community Center](#)

Case management for people living with HIV/AIDS

contact: info@commongroundwestside.org

[18th Street Arts Complex](#)

Arts center supporting artists and art organizations

contact: 18thstreet@18thstreet.org

[Empowertech](#)

Computer resource for people with disabilities

contact: FSSM@info@empowertech.org

[Family Service of Santa Monica](#)

Counseling for individuals, couples, children, and group

contact: FSSM@vistadelmar.org

[Heal The Bay](#)

Making waters and watersheds safe, healthy, and clean

[Heal The Bay-Santa Monica Pier Aquarium](#)

Marine education center with more than 100 species

contact: aquariumvol@healthebay.org

[Jewish Family Service/SOVA](#)

Free groceries and support services

contact: ndesser@jfsla.org

### [Meals on Wheels West](#)

Delivery of food to homebound residents

contact: joannavasquezmow@aol.com

### [OPCC \(formerly Ocean Park Community Center\)](#)

Network of shelters and services for low income and homeless youth and adults

### [Santa Monica College-Eli and Edythe Broad Stage and Edye Second Space Theater](#)

Live performances

contact: stoeber\_denise@smc.edu

### [Santa Monica Historical Society Museum](#)

Museum featuring history of the Santa Monica Bay area

### [Santa Monica Museum of Art](#)

Exhibits works of art by contemporary artists

contact: info@smmoa.org

### [Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center Orthopedic Hospital](#)

Hospital serving the Westside, connected with UCLA Medical Center

contact: eastwood@mednet.ucla.edu

### [School on Wheels, Inc](#)

One-on-one tutoring of homeless children

contact: jsettles@schoolonwheels.org

### [Sojourn-OPCC](#)

Services for battered women and children

contact: lpineda@opcc.net

### [Saint John's Health Center](#)

Health center with over 45 departments

contact: [grenda.pearlman@stjohns.org](mailto:grenda.pearlman@stjohns.org)

### [Saint Joseph Center](#)

Helps low income and homeless people work towards self-sufficiency

contact: [development@stjoshephctr.org](mailto:development@stjoshephctr.org)

### [Venice Family Clinic](#)

Primary health care for people with no other access to care

contact: [helpprfc@ucla.edu](mailto:helpprfc@ucla.edu)

### [The Wellness Community-WLA](#)

Psychological, social and emotional support to cancer patients and their families

contact: [info@twc-wla.org](mailto:info@twc-wla.org)

### [Westside Center for Independent Living \(WCIL\)](#)

Advocacy and counseling to people with disabilities and seniors to help them to live independently

### [Westside Food Bank](#)

Food distribution to 65 social service agencies

contact: [allison@westsidefoodbank.ca.org](mailto:allison@westsidefoodbank.ca.org)

### [WISE & Healthy Aging](#)

Enhance the independence, dignity, and quality of life of older adults

contact: [volunteers@wiseandhealthyaging.org](mailto:volunteers@wiseandhealthyaging.org)