Community Service Program

Empower Students. Build Leaders. Create Opportunity.

About Upptik Gives

Upptik Gives is a nonprofit that gives high school students free access to Upptik, a career exploration and mentoring platform, while offering a structured, flexible way to earn community service hours. Through community engagement, peer support, leadership development, and career exploration, students gain real-world skills while contributing meaningfully to their peer community, especially the under-served.

How it Works

Students seeking community service hours sign up as Upptik **Peer Supporters** and complete a brief Peer Support Training. **Upptik Gives** provides a structured program with hours tracking. Each month, Peer Supporters engage by:

- **Responding to the Community Director's Monthly Topic**
  - Written post or video submission (minimum requirements apply)
- **Commenting on Peers' Posts**
  - Providing meaningful feedback
- **Starting a Discussion**
  - Initiating meaningful and relatable conversations and engagement

Program Benefits

- Provide meaningful and trackable community service hours teens will embrace.
- Encourage growth in leadership, mentorship, and communication.
- Help support other students in real-world learning experiences.
- Build well-rounded youth engaged in social media that is productive, community building, and focused on career exploration.
- Flexible, easy to implement, and FREE!

Sign Up or learn more about Upptik Gives' Community Service Program now.

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Upptik Gives Brings an Innovative Approach to Community Service

A Nonprofit Providing Career Development and Leadership Opportunities for High School Students

What is Upptik Gives?

Upptik Gives is a nonprofit organization that gives high school students **free access** to Upptik, a career development and mentoring platform, along with a **structured program** for earning verified community service hours.

Students who opt to become **Upptik Community Peers Supporters** are guided in how to offer peer-to-peer input and support to platform users who are exploring university, work, and skill building options and opportunities for life after high school. Peer Supporters develop important communication, mentoring, and leadership skills while building their own career-readiness skills.

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  - Providing encouragement and input to **underserved students** seeking extra help

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Why Schools Should Support Upptik Gives:

- **Structured & Trackable Community Service Hours** – Students earn verified service hours through guided engagement.
- **Leadership & Communication Development** – Helps students build valuable skills for college, scholarships, future careers, and life.

- **A Safe & Positive Online Space** – Peer Supporters help build an engaging, well-monitored community.
- **Completely Free for Students & Schools** – Removing financial barriers to access mentorship and career exploration.

Who Are Peer Supporters vs. Student Users?

- **Peer Supporters:** High school students who **opt in** to earn **verified service hours** by contributing structured support within the Upptik Community. They engage in conversations, start discussions, and help guide Student Users.
- **Student Users:** High school students who join Upptik for **free** but do **not** participate in structured peer support for service hours. They benefit from peer engagement and career exploration without the service-hour commitment.

Minimum Requirements for Participation:

At Upptik Gives, we believe in creating a **balanced and meaningful experience** for students. Our program is designed to ensure that students are **engaged without being overwhelmed**, bringing **real-life experiences into the online community** and taking **community-driven insights back into their everyday lives**. Participation is structured, ensuring that students develop **valuable skills, reflect deeply, and engage in a way that fosters personal growth**—without spending excessive time online.

Written Posts:

- Must be at least **150 words** to encourage depth and reflection.
- Will have a **clear topic**, integrating **personal insights and experiences** to connect with others.
- Will include a **thought-provoking question or call to action** to inspire discussion beyond the screen.
- Will bridge **real-life experiences with online discussions**, helping peers navigate similar situations.

Video Submissions:

- Must be between **30 seconds and 2 minutes**—concise yet impactful.
- Will have **clear audio** to ensure accessibility and engagement.
- Will include:
    - **Introduction**: A brief overview of the topic.
    - **Main Content**: Personal insights, reflections, or shared experiences.
    - **Conclusion**: A key takeaway, encouragement, or question for the community.

- **No excessive editing or filters**—authenticity is key. Videos will focus on **meaningful insights, not appearance**.
- Will connect **digital discussions to real-life actions**, applying insights from the Upptik community to personal growth and peer support.

Service Hour Structure:

Students earn verified **community service hours** through structured engagement in the Upptik Community. Participation is designed to be **impactful yet manageable**, ensuring students contribute meaningfully without excessive screen time. The expected monthly commitment is **1 hour per month** through a combination of the following activities:

Responding to the Community Director's Monthly Topic

- Students will write a **blog-style reflection post** or submit a **short video** sharing personal insights.
- **Earns 20 minutes per submission.**

Commenting on Peers' Posts

- Thoughtful responses to other students' contributions will encourage dialogue, peer learning, and community connection.
- **Earns 5 minutes per meaningful comment.**

Starting a Discussion & Engaging in Responses

- Students will initiate meaningful conversations by sharing personal experiences or posing relevant questions to their peers.
- **Earns 30 minutes per discussion initiated and then engaged in.**

Sharing and Supporting

- Engaging and responding to **underserved peer**s who benefit from peer guidance and support

Each structured engagement counts toward their **verified community service hours**, ensuring **measurable contributions while** emphasizing **quality over quantity**. This approach allows students to gain **real-world leadership, communication, and reflection skills** in a way that is **sustainable and enriching**. Students are welcome to engage beyond these requirements, but the program is designed to provide a **balanced** and **impactful** experience that does not require excessive online time.

Recognition & Growth Tiers for Peer Supporters:

Verified Service Hour Certificates – Issued at key milestones documenting progress:

- 15 Hours - Bronze Peer Supporter Certificate
- 30 Hours - Silver Peer Supporter Certificate
- 50 Hours - Gold Peer Supporter Certificate
- 75+ Hours - Platinum Peer Supporter Certificate

Leadership & Advancement Opportunities:

- Gold & Platinum Peer Supporters (50+ hours) can apply to become Peer Community Mentors, guiding new Peer Supporters.
- Platinum Peer Supporters (75+ hours) are eligible for a post-graduation mentor position, continuing their involvement with Upptik as near-peer mentors.

How Schools Can Get Involved:

- **Approve Upptik Gives as a verified nonprofit service program**
- **No administrative burden** – Upptik Gives handles **tracking & verification**
- **Flexible & student-friendly** – Remote, structured, and designed for busy students
- **Enhances College & Career Readiness** – Prepares students with real-world skills

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🚀 Join us in creating a meaningful, modern way for students to earn community service hours!