RESOURCES: SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Campus Y
The Campus Y (http://campus-y.unc.edu) is an extraordinarily vibrant, student-driven organization, promoting social justice and social innovation locally, nationally, and internationally. Over more than a century and a half of service, it has incubated such essential campus institutions as Student Stores, Career Services, Intramural Athletics, and New Student Orientation. It has also provided the incubation space and resources for launching fully independent nonprofit organizations such as Nourish International, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, and the Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education. Over the course of a typical year, approximately 2,000 UNC-Chapel Hill students channel their idealism, passion, and sweat equity into a diverse array of service and advocacy initiatives, including but not limited to public health, youth development, education, human rights, micro-finance, food security, and environmental advocacy. The Campus Y is led by the student executive board and the chairs of more than 30 committees and is supported by a professional staff of three full-time employees. Students are encouraged to visit the Campus Y offices in the YMCA Building, adjacent to South Building, to learn about these opportunities and campus, community, youth, and global social justice issues.

Carolina Center for Public Service
The Carolina Center for Public Service (http://ccps.unc.edu) offers a variety of programs that support public service and engagement, providing students, faculty members, and staff with various ways to explore service opportunities, learn new skills, and link their academic endeavors to making a difference in communities across North Carolina and throughout the world. Through a variety of programs, including Buckley Public Service Scholars (BPSS), APPLES Service-Learning, and Thorp Faculty Engaged Scholars, the Carolina Center for Public Service uses scholarship and service to connect Carolina and communities. The BPSS program is open to all undergraduates and encourages participants to complete a required number of service hours, a service-learning class, four skills training sessions, and reflective exercises in order to receive official University recognition on their transcripts. Since the program’s launch in 2003, more than 7,795 students have participated in BPSS, contributing 1,502,340 hours of service. Other opportunities available through BPSS include the Arts in Public Service Fellows, First-Year Service Corps, Outward Bound scholarships, and courses such as Philanthropy as a Tool for Social Change and SMART Mentoring. The APPLES Service-Learning program provides opportunities for undergraduate students to serve with community-based organizations through service-learning courses and internships, alternative breaks, fellowships, and the Service-Learning Initiative. More than 2,400 students participate in APPLES programs each year, providing nearly 95,000 service hours to local, regional, national, and global communities. The center also offers funding and public service awards that provide opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to further their involvement and community engagement through innovative service projects.

Students who want to stay informed about program deadlines and information can sign up for the center’s weekly Public Service News (http://ccps.unc.edu/news-events/public-service-news-listserv).