

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Tom Clinton Community Service Scholars Program
4 week paid internship - \$500 - August 2022
Sponsored by the Dedham Youth Commission



Tom Clinton and a few students deliver "Meals on Wheels" to Dedham's elderly residents.

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What can you do for the betterment of the Dedham Community? In the spirit of Tom Clinton, we encourage Dedham 8th Grade students to develop and facilitate community service projects that are original, creative and have a big impact on the Dedham community.

Tom Clinton developed the Dedham Youth Commission in the early-1970s and was the Director for over 40 years! He was born and raised in Dedham and is still active in the community today. He currently serves on the board of the Dedham High School Alumni Association. He believes that youth need support and guidance to be successful, along with opportunities that allow them to be community leaders at a young age. Therefore, it is very fitting that our newest initiative is appropriately named in his honor.

For this program, eighth grade graduates will be encouraged to develop their own one-day community service projects. They will complete an application describing their project and come in for an interview to discuss further in detail. Twenty students will be selected to be a part of this program. Together, as a team, and working with the staff of the DYC, they will schedule, plan and execute their combined 20 community service projects during the month of August 2022. Basically, they will complete one community service project a day for four weeks. As mentioned earlier, each Community Service Project will be designed by a student on the team! Students who complete this internship, which will take place during August of 2022, will earn a stipend of \$500.

So, what is your idea for a community service project? Please keep in mind that you will have 19 other students present to help you. Maybe you have an elderly neighbor who needs his/her yard to be cleaned? Maybe this neighbor needs their fence painted? Maybe you host a clothing drive? Maybe you read to little kids at a preschool? Maybe you facilitate an arts and crafts activity at the council on aging? Maybe you plan a community barbecue? Maybe you bake cookies and bring them to a homeless shelter? Let your imagination run wild! Be creative! Think outside the box!

Have you watched the news lately? We need some good news! Therefore, at the completion of each daily project, pictures and a short blurb will be posted on the DYC Facebook page. A weekly summary of projects and highlights will be featured in local newspapers for the entire month of August. Video footage will be taken at each project site and a movie highlighting the impact these projects had on the community will be produced and aired on Dedham TV and at the Dedham Community Theater in the Square. We will hold a “red carpet world premiere” event and invite members of the Dedham community to attend and applaud these students. We hope this program becomes a new Dedham tradition and youth of all ages will look forward to their chance to participate in this program after graduating eighth grade.

TOM CLINTON COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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ADDRESS _____

What is your idea for a one-day community service project? How will this project have a positive impact on the Dedham Community?

What resources and/or supplies will you need to complete your project?

How will the other 19 students on the team work together on this project?