A BWBRS How-To Guide

Community Learning Agreement

...describes a student's specific position activities for a particular term

1 2 say 3	Humanity. I will coordinate bi-weekly building blitzes for campus volunteers, research recruitment strategies to attract more volunteers, and complete the 2009-2010 oral history project that I have been working on over the past 2 terms. These projects will benefit Habitat and the local homeless community. These projects will enhance Habitat's community outreach, campus connections, and documentation process (oral history project).
Status Position Description	Active This semester, I will be a Project Coordinator for Habitat for
Semester	Fall 2010
Service Partner	Habitat for Humanity (Sample)
Title	Habitat Project Coordinator

A Good CLA Description

This **CLA** we'll

> An effective Community Learning Agreement should build off of the position description, adding particular details that describe the measurable impact of your service:

> > The specific activities that are being completed or worked on during that particular term

The beneficiaries of the service for that particular term

The overall impact or outcome of the service for that particular term

> For more information, read our expanded guide "CLAs: Making Them Great" at http://bonnernetwork.pbworks.com/CLAs-Making+Them+Great

Summary:

Position Descriptions describe a particular job at a service site. Community Learning Agreements illustrate the specific activities that a student is doing in that position for that particular term.

- Students serving in the same position should have distinct CLAs.
- Think of CLAs as a way to measure, track, and plan your impact through your placement.
- Students with a history of good CLAs should be able to trace their developmental progress.



Bonner AmeriCorps Reminders

Prohibited Activities

- · Partisan political activity (voter registration, campaigning, rallying, picketing)
- · Religious activities (proselytizing, teaching Bible study)
- International focus (serving in another country or for the benefit of others in another country)
- Administrative focus (clerical work cannot be a primary focus of the placement)
- Activities providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services

Other Notes

- Fundraising is approvable, but only up to 10% of the member's hours commitment
- · Outreach vs. In-reach: positions should serve the off-campus community or be working toward the potential development of such outreach

For more information on prohibited activities and other program guidelines: http://bonnernetwork.pbworks.com/Bonner +AmeriCorps+Manual+-+Member+Home+Page