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# Volunteering

## Benefits of Volunteering:

- Learn or develop a new skill
- Be part of your Community
- Express a sense of achievement and motivation
- Boost your Career options
- Find new interests and hobbies.
- Encompass new experiences
- Meet a diverse range of people
- Motivate your friends and family

## Why Volunteer?

Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us.

Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.

- President Bill Clinton

Economic, Social, and Individual Career benefits are the three major benefits of volunteering.

Volunteering adds to the overall economic output of a

country and reduces the burden on government spending. Volunteering also helps build more cohesive and stable communities. You can meet people and gain work experience through volunteering. It helps students stand out on college applications and scholarship forms, as well as the working class with new skills to enhance a career goal. Volunteering is often seen as an opportunity to acquire job related skills and improve job opportunities.

A national survey of individual volunteers shows that volunteers benefited from the experience in

the following ways: Interpersonal skills, communication skills, Increased knowledge, managerial skills, fundraising skills, and technical or office skills. The most compelling finding done in the survey regarding the effectiveness of volunteer activity was that 28% of unemployed volunteers (and 16% of employed volunteers) said that their volunteering had helped them obtain a job in the past, and 62% believed it would help them to find a job in the future.

Whether you're in school, employed, unemployed, retired, or inexperienced volunteering can benefit you!

## Volunteering at the Clerk's Office

The Clerk's office is looking for professional, high spirited volunteers at least 16 years old to help staff with customer service, answering phones, filing, mail distribution, greeting, and other basic office duties.

**To apply, please fill out the application on our website.**  
**[www.polkcountyclerk.net](http://www.polkcountyclerk.net)**



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