

STOPOUT YEAR

What is it? Taking a year off between High School and College to obtain experience through service projects and organized expeditions.



•Work experience, such as engaging in service projects, helps secure better jobs.

•1/3 of U.S. High Schools require a service learning complement for graduation

•To Learn more about service options at the national level contact:

Youth Service America
1101 15th Street , NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
or go to www.servenet.org

Options for a Stopout Year:

Student Conservation Association (603)543-1700 or www.sca-inc.org. Get food and housing for working from 3-12 months on rural and urban restoration projects.

Americorps: 1-800-942-8993 www.americorps.org

City Year: 1-888-424-8993 www.cityyear.org- Recruits 17-24 year olds for inner city services such as tutoring and after school programs.

Outward Bound(www.outwardbound.org)-provides highly rated survival training.

National Outdoor Leadership School (307) 332-5300 www.nols.edu. -up to 3 month expeditions costing around \$4200 to different parts of the world.

Dynamy (508-755-2571 www.dynamy.org) Helps HS grads locate apartments and jobs in a new city. Costs \$15,400 per year.

EAuPair (www.eaupair.com) Helps Americans link up as au pairs in countries all over the world.

Audubon Expedition Institute: (888-297-2234) www.getonthebus.com

US expeditions to study nature and the environment.

Coalition for America's Children (888-544 KIDS) www.kidscampaigns.org- Arranges service projects.

Center for Interim Programs (617-547-0980) www.interimprograms.com- Charges a fee to help students find a suitable stopout program for one year
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