Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find volunteer work?

Our website, http://depts.drew.edu/econ/DVD, provides a list of various opportunities. The Volunteer Resource Center is also available to help students find socially productive work.

What percentage of my grade does this community service account for and what if I do not finish by the deadline?

This accounts for 5% of the student's total grade. There is nothing we can do after the deadline. The 5% credit is lost.

What happens if I am graduating soon and do not have enough money saved for a retirement plan?

Contact Professor Kaboub for information on how you can save enough DVDs for your retirement.

What happens if I do not have enough DVDs to pay taxes at the end of the semester?

Be creative! Students who have excessive hours of community service can exchange their extra DVDs with those students who do not have enough to pay taxes . . . perhaps in exchange for a ride to the airport, a used iPod, or U.S. Dollars (must negotiate an exchange rate!).

What do I need to do if I am under 18 years of age?

All students must complete a liability form for off-campus work and those under 18 must have the signature of a guardian.

Can taxes be increased in the middle of the semester?

No, tax changes will not change in the middle of the semester. Drew University has the right to increase or decrease taxes in the future and may also devalue the DVD currency.

Do I need to fill out any forms?

A Student Volunteer Form is required for each time a student performs community service. Liability forms are also required to work off-campus, especially for those students under the age of 18.

Does the DVD program have anything to do with class work?

Yes – The DVD program will instigate conversations on GDP, money, taxes, bonds, interest rates, government deficit, national debt, exchange rates, etc.

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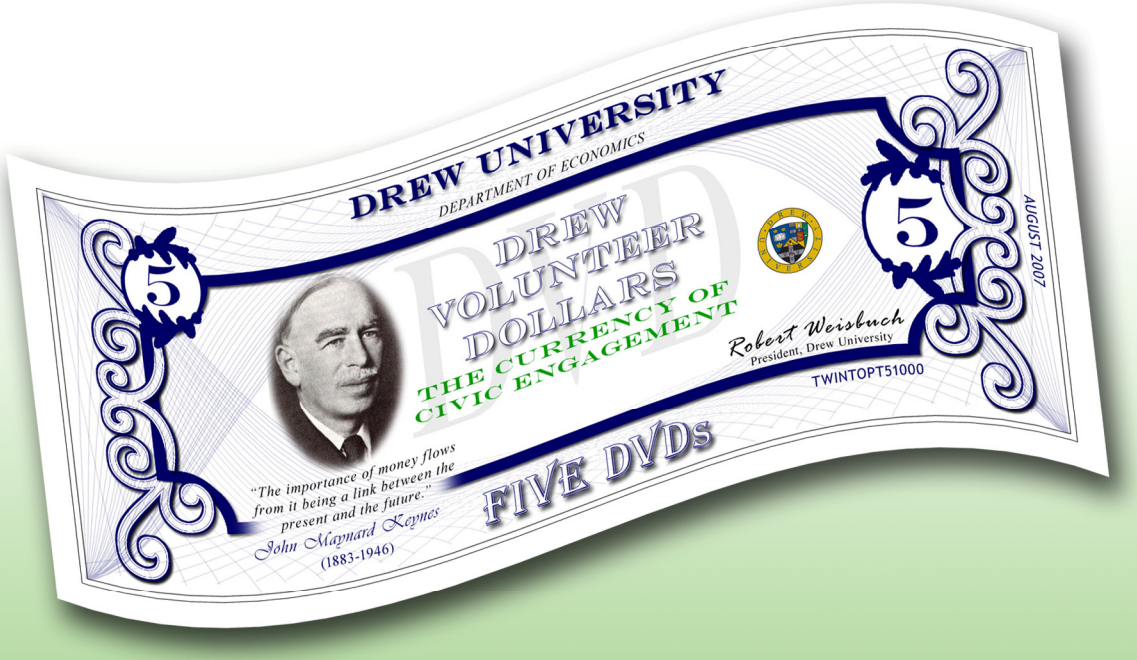
The Drew Volunteer Dollar

The Currency Of Civic Engagement



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What is the Drew Volunteer Dollar?

The Economics Department at Drew University is proud to announce the launch of its new community service initiative: The Drew Volunteer Dollar – The Currency of Civic Engagement.

Drew University is about to gear up its civic engagement initiative and launch a new era of academic and intellectual partnership with the surrounding community!

The Drew Volunteer Dollar (DVD) program will invite economics students to engage in volunteer work with non-profit organizations around the Drew community!

Community service can be performed on an individual basis or students may attend our community service day organized once a semester on a Saturday morning for large groups of students to participate in a single, collective project serving the community. Buses will transport the students for a few hours of fun, enriching public service!

The administration reserves the right to determine the legitimacy of community service work.

For the Students

Basic Information and Requirements

- $ Required for students taking ECON 6: Intro Macro (Fall 2007), and ECON 49&50: The Wall Street Semester (Spring 2008).
- $ Each hour of community service, with a legitimate non-profit organization, is worth 10 DVDs.
- $ Individual tax liability is 50 DVDs per class and is due at the end of the semester (last day of classes).
- $ 5% of the total grade is assigned to the tax payment.
- $ Students can find volunteer work through the Volunteer Resource Center (Frank Merckx) and the DVD Program website.
- $ Student Volunteer Forms must be completed and signed by organization representatives and the student for each completed record of service.
- $ Students must bring signed Volunteer Forms to the DVD Department of Treasury (Lydia Feldman, Smith House) to obtain DVDs.
- $ Students under 18 must complete and submit a liability/consent form to perform community service off-campus.
- $ Students with disabilities or extenuating circumstances will be accommodated.

Treasury Bonds

Students who accumulate savings in DVDs will be offered the opportunity to buy DVD Treasury Bonds and earn interest on their savings, which can then be used to recruit other students to work with them in their favorite non-profit organization.

Retirement Plan

Students with a surplus of DVDs have the opportunity to contribute a minimum of 2,000 DVDs in an Economics DVD Retirement Plan! When a student graduates (retires from Drew), they will receive a retirement check in the amount of 300 DVDs per semester. This income can then be used to hire current Drew students to work with them in their favorite non-profit organizations.

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