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### ServeNebraska Now Accepting Applications for Nebraska Volunteer Week Youth Service Grants

**LINCOLN, Neb.** — ServeNebraska is now accepting applications for **Nebraska Volunteer Week Youth Service Grants**, supporting youth-led service projects **during** April 19–25, 2026.

Grants of up to **\$700** are available to non-profit organizations, schools, clubs, and youth-serving organizations. Projects may take place at any point during Nebraska Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026.

Nebraska consistently ranks among the top states for volunteer participation nationwide. These grants are designed to strengthen that tradition by empowering young people with hands-on opportunities to serve their communities and build lifelong civic engagement.

“Sometimes, all it takes to create a service-minded citizen is a single opportunity to give back,” **said Cathleen Plager, executive director of ServeNebraska.** “Early service experiences help young people see their impact and inspire a lifelong commitment to community.”

Applications and program guidelines are available at:  
**[www.serve.nebraska.gov/volunteerism/volunteer-week](http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/volunteerism/volunteer-week)** and must be submitted by **February 27, 2026.**

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**About ServeNebraska**

ServeNebraska is the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and is governed by a bipartisan board appointed by the Nebraska governor. Its mission is to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through collaboration, volunteering and national service. ServeNebraska oversees AmeriCorps programming, hosts the state’s most prestigious volunteer awards – the Governor’s Step Forward Awards, and provides training and technical assistance. To learn more, visit [serve.nebraska.gov](http://serve.nebraska.gov).