

## ALCOHOL-RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE OPTIONS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Select any combination of exercises necessary to complete the number of hours you need. Only **hand written** essays will be accepted.* Essays MUST be single-spaced and legible. Please use black or blue ink only. Please write your name at the top of each page submitted along with your case number.

**If these requirements are not followed, the court may reject your work and hours performed.**

**Plagiarized essays will NOT be accepted and may result in a final judgment being entered.**

### **EXERCISE #1: Attend an Open AA Meeting**

**Exercise:** Attend an open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and write a three page report on your experience at the meeting. Keep your reports anonymous and exclude all names of individuals in the group. If available, obtain a signature on the below attendance log from the meeting chairman. Each meeting lasts about an hour. A calendar with open AA meeting date, times and locations can be found at: <https://www.aadallas.org/noncms/meetings.php?bSearch=1>

**3 page essay + meeting attendance card = 6 hours of service**

#### **AA Open Meeting Attendance Card**

**Date of Attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are unable to obtain a signature, bring back 1 piece of literature or brochure from the meeting.*

### **EXERCISE #2: The Unconscious Truth Video**

**Summary:** This is a 2 part video (32 minutes total) found on the Texas Young Lawyer's website about the danger of binge drinking, alcohol poisoning and liability.

**Exercise:** After watching the videos, download the guided discussion materials (link under videos) and review the charts and handouts at the end of the materials. Write a complete paragraph on each of the following questions stating your position and your reasoning – Part II: Criminal Laws and Penalties questions 6, 7, 10, and 11; Part III: Civil Laws and Penalties questions 2, 5, and 6. List signs of alcohol poisoning. What should you do if you observe signs of alcohol poisoning.

<http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/projects/the-unconscious-truth/>

**Answers + reasons = 2 hours of service**

### **EXERCISE #3: In the Media**

**Exercise:** Find article(s) in the news, online, in magazines, etc. relating to alcohol offenses, issues, or the negative effects of alcohol. Submit the article(s) (simply submitting the web link is NOT sufficient) with a one page essay. In your own words, describe the information in the article, the long terms affects, and what you can do in your community to help.

**1 page essay + article = 1 hour of service**

### **EXERCISE #4 Impact Letters (may only submit one letter per topic for this exercise)**

**Exercise:** Write a letter based on one of the hypothetical scenarios below. The letter must be one full page and must comply with instructions on page 1.

**If you submit a:**

**1 letter/topic = 1 hour of service**  
**2 letters/topics = 2 hours of service**  
**3 letters/topics = 3 hours of service**  
**4 letters/topics = 4 hours of service**  
**5 letters/topics = 5 hours of service**

1. You were killed in an alcohol-related accident. Write a letter to your parents.
2. You caused an accident while using alcohol and the other driver is paralyzed. Write an apology letter to that person.
3. Your parents are killed by a drunk driver. Write a statement about how this will impact you and what you think the sentence should be for the drunk driver.
4. You were convicted of intoxicated manslaughter. Write a letter to the parole board about what you have learned and the changes you have made.
5. Your brother was hit by a drunk driver while walking home. Write a letter to the driver to read at his sentencing on how this accident has affected you and your family and what you feel the punishment should be.