



7,500 Acts of Civic Responsibility

"Civic responsibility means active participation in the public life of a community in an informed, committed, and constructive manner, with a focus on the common good (Gottlieb & Robinson, 2006, 16)."

Throughout 2024, our organization will collect over 7,500 Acts of Civic Responsibility in honor (celebration) of our 75 years of civic engagement/education!

Our organization utilizes [the Bill of Responsibilities](#) as the basis of the civic obligations each citizen should fulfill as a member of our free society. Our Bill of Responsibilities can be condensed into five themes: participation, respect, accountability, productivity, and generosity. Each of these themes represents actions you can emulate in your community as a productive citizen.

We invite people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs to share how they play an active role in our country by completing an act of civic responsibility.

Below are examples of acts of civic responsibility.

- Participation
 - Definition: The fact of taking part, as in some action or attempt
 - Examples:
 - ◆ Voting.
 - ◆ Circulate a petition for a cause/local issue.
 - ◆ Hold a voter registration event.
 - ◆ Serve as a student ambassador for Spirit of America Youth Leadership program.
- Respect
 - Definition: A feeling of deep admiration for someone, or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.
 - Examples:
 - ◆ Participate in a Unify America's Unify Challenge, an online activity that brings people together to talk across differences.
 - ◆ Hold a civil discussion with someone who has an opposing view.
 - ◆ Volunteer at a nursing home
 - ◆ Visit an elderly shut-in
 - ◆ Volunteer at your local VA Hospital
- Accountability

- Definition: An obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions.
 - Examples:
 - ◆ Contact your legislator about legislation or a government issue.
 - ◆ Attend a public meeting (i.e. school board meeting, municipal meeting, town hall).

- Productivity
 - Definition: The quality, state, or fact of being able to generate, create, enhance or bring forth goods and services.
 - Examples:
 - ◆ Organize a park cleanup.
 - ◆ Run, lead, or help with a local food drive, blood drive, cleanup, etc.

- Generosity
 - Definition: The quality of being kind and showing a readiness to give more of something, as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected.
 - Examples:
 - ◆ Volunteer for a non-profit, local cause, polls, etc.
 - ◆ Volunteer and/or engage with your local veterans' service office or veterans organization.
 - ◆ Donate to a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that improves your local community.

- ❖ Who can participate?
 - Constituents of all ages can participate!
 - You can log a civic act as an individual or as a group.
 - If you are participating in a group, please record the first and last name of every individual who participates. Each person will be counted towards our 7,500 goal.
 - For example, if a group of 100 students participates in a park cleanup, then each of those 100 students would be encouraged to log their responsibility so each student can be counted as an individual)

- ❖ How do I notify you of my act(s) and/or my group's act(s)?
 - Complete our easy online form! (will insert link when ready)
 - Complete a simple paper form and email it to communications@ffvf.org or mail it to:
 - Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
 - ATTN: Civic Acts
 - PO Box 67
 - Valley Forge, PA 19481

- ❖ Photos of your civic act are not required, but highly encouraged! Please email all photos to communications@ffvf.org or submit them via our [online form](#). We want to share your acts with others on social media to encourage emulation.

- ❖ Rewards:
 - Recognition will be given to individuals who complete 12 consecutive months of civic responsibilities.
 - Recognition will be given out to individuals who fulfill an act for each of the 5 themes.