

Where to Post Your Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteering websites
 - volunteermaine.org
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 - There are also many that are mission-driven or for the specific type of work that you're doing
- **Your local United Way branch**
 - Many of them have a monthly e-newsletter they send out to the community that has local volunteer opportunities
 - To find your local branch, go here: unitedway.org/find-your-united-way
- Local colleges
 - They will generally have an Office of Community Engagement or a Volunteer Posting Board- Maine has over 25 colleges across the state, so take advantage of this!
 - This is also a great connection if your organization has internships available
- Local high schools
 - Many high schools nationwide have a community service requirement in order to graduate, a Key Club or other community service club, or even a program that allows students to earn credit for volunteering.
- **Large corporations & companies**
 - Some organizations allow their employees to volunteer a certain number of hours per year during the normal workweek as a part of their annual salary (and some even include it as a part of their annual review!)
 - Some organizations provide mini-grants to organizations that their employees volunteer at for a certain number of hours (i.e TD Bank will give \$500 to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations if an employee volunteers for 40 hours there in one year)
 - Check out banks, credit unions, insurance agencies, and law firms
- **Community engagement groups**
 - Some of my Portland-based faves are Junior League Portland, Take Action Portland, and Yelp Helps!
- **Transitional living homes**
 - They generally have a community service component as a part of the programming, they can usually come in groups, and they tend to have a lot of flexibility in their availability- plus it gives them something to put on their resume
- Posting flyers in your community
 - Try local grocery stores, town halls, recreation centers, doctor's offices, schools, or other places where your target audience may be
- Social media postings
 - If your organization already has a broad reach with your email list or social media platforms, put out an ask! You already know these people are a part of *your* community, so chances are they have something invested and will come volunteer for you if you just ask them to
- Newspaper ads
 - Depending on your target audience, this can still be a viable way to reach potential volunteers and a posting in a newspaper is usually either free or has minimal costs

