

# STOPOUT YEAR

What is it? Taking a year off between High School and College to obtain experience through service projects and organized expeditions.



•Work experience, such as engaging in service projects, helps secure better jobs.

•1/3 of U.S. High Schools require a service learning complement for graduation

•To Learn more about service options at the national level contact:

Youth Service America  
1101 15th Street , NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005  
or go to [www.servenet.org](http://www.servenet.org)

## Options for a Stopout Year:

Student Conservation Association (603)543-1700 or [www.sca-inc.org](http://www.sca-inc.org). Get food and housing for working from 3-12 months on rural and urban restoration projects.

Americorps: 1-800-942-8993 [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)

City Year: 1-888-424-8993 [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)- Recruits 17-24 year olds for inner city services such as tutoring and after school programs.

Outward Bound( [www.outwardbound.org](http://www.outwardbound.org))-provides highly rated survival training.

National Outdoor Leadership School (307) 332-5300 [www.nols.edu](http://www.nols.edu). -up to 3 month expeditions costing around \$4200 to different parts of the world.

Dynamy (508-755-2571 [www.dynamy.org](http://www.dynamy.org)) Helps HS grads locate apartments and jobs in a new city. Costs \$15,400 per year.

EAuPair ([www.eaupair.com](http://www.eaupair.com)) Helps Americans link up as au pairs in countries all over the world.

Audubon Expedition Institute: (888-297-2234) [www.lesley.edu/gsass/audubon/index.html](http://www.lesley.edu/gsass/audubon/index.html)  
US expeditions to study nature and the environment.

Coalition for America's Children (888-544 KIDS) [www.kidscampaigns.org](http://www.kidscampaigns.org)- Arranges service projects.

Center for Interim Programs (617-547-0980) [www.interimprograms.com](http://www.interimprograms.com)- Charges a fee to help students find a suitable stopout program for one year  
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