

Join us at the White House and Make History!

Hindu American Seva Charities (HASC) is sponsoring a two-day event aimed at increasing Seva (service) and visibility across America. This event will include a briefing by the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.



The Dharmic* American community has an immense untapped potential to serve at home and abroad. The theme of the event is **“Energizing Dharmic* Seva (Service): Impacting Change in America and Abroad,”** and is designed to inspire all towards community service. This event opens at the White House on **July 29, 2011** and continues at Georgetown University Campus on **July 30** as Festivals of Service. *Dharma(ic) is defined as one’s obligation or duty to serve.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
Mahatma Gandhi

Be the Change! Share Your Seva Plan

To impact change and encourage new service ideas, HASC is sponsoring a widespread civic and service participation essay contest. We would like to hear your service plans in America and abroad! The winners of the contest will be recognized by HASC at the White House briefing in Washington D.C. Nominees will be recognized on the second day of the conference at Georgetown University.

With your Seva Plan you can become change makers. You can be part of the ongoing seva movement. You can play a role in America valuing the talents of its diverse faiths, its pluralistic multicultural communities, the New Americans. Interfaith cooperation and community service is an important way to build understanding between different communities and contribute to the common good.



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Essay Contest Specifics

Essay Questions

1. What role does your dharma* (religion/ faith/ spirituality) play in civic engagement, social justice and development issues? (Maximum 500 words)
2. How do you propose to establish and expand seva (service) on campus, places of worship, yoga centers, in towns, cities, or rural areas (for example through "seva centers" or virtual hubs?) What other ways will you grow the faith and /or interfaith seva (service) movement? (Maximum 1000 words)
3. What is the change you want to see in yourself and in your communities by doing selfless service? (Maximum 500 words)

"Dharma(ic) is defined as one's obligation or duty to serve" The idea of dharma as duty or propriety implies there is a natural order and that justice, social harmony and human happiness are part of the balance.

Contestant Categories

1. High School
2. Undergraduate
3. Graduate/ Young Professionals
4. Senior Citizens

Additional Guidance:

- You should answer all the questions.
- Deadline for all entries is May 30, 2011
- Winners will be announced on June 20, 2011

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi -

Email all entries and queries to: Uma Chaudhary at uma@hinduamericanseva.org with contact information and include a short biography.



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