



Good Deeds for 9/11 Day

11 Ideas for Individual Students

1. Volunteer at a Local Nonprofit or Community Event

Spend an hour helping out at a food pantry, community garden, senior center, or mutual aid group near campus. Many places welcome walk-in help or short shifts.

2. Deliver Care Kits or Notes to a Local Shelter

Assemble hygiene or snack kits—or write encouraging messages—and bring them to a nearby homeless, youth, or domestic violence shelter.

3. Support a Small Business or Minority-Owned Business

Buy from a local coffee shop, bookstore, or restaurant and leave a positive review or tip generously as an act of economic kindness.

4. Share Community Resource Info in Public Spaces

Print or handwrite a few copies of a resource list (hotlines, food banks, mental health services) and leave them at laundromats, bus stops, or libraries.

5. Pick Up Litter in Your Neighborhood or Local Park

Grab a friend and a trash bag and clean up a public space that's important to you—like the route to class, a town trail, or near a bus stop.

6. Write Letters of Gratitude to First Responders or Veterans

Take time to thank a firefighter, EMT, or veteran by writing a note and dropping it off at a local fire station, VFW post, or VA hospital.

7. Offer Help to a Local Family or Neighbor

Ask a neighbor if they need a hand with errands, pet care, or yard work—especially seniors, new parents, or people living alone.

8. Donate Blood or Sign Up to Be a Donor

Participate in a blood drive on or off campus, or register as a bone marrow or organ donor to help save lives.

9. Mentor or Tutor a Student from a Nearby School

Reach out to a local after-school program, Boys and Girls Club, or school district to see if you can volunteer as a reading buddy or academic mentor.

10. Join or Organize a Local Voter Registration Effort

Help community members get registered to vote—especially new citizens or first-time voters. Many local organizations offer volunteer shifts or training.

11. Bring Someone to a Campus or Community Event

Invite a classmate, roommate, or local friend to attend a cultural event, service project, or speaker series. Connection is a form of kindness too.