What Service to our Country Means to Me
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To me, service to our country is very important because it shows one’s patriotism. There are many ways to serve our country. Some people might think that service to our country is limited to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marines, but that is not necessarily true. All of those are very important as well, but service is not limited to that.

You can serve our country in many ways such as joining or supporting organizations like “Keep America Beautiful.” You can maybe send donations to the less fortunate, and donations don’t have to be money. Donations can be old toys or books that you don’t use or want anymore, or maybe clothes that don’t fit anymore.

I think that you can even show service to our country by saying the Pledge of Allegiance every morning or even praying for our country and the people I mentioned who put their lives on the line every day.

I think even doing community service can help serve our country in a way because I think that would build a stronger nation. You might be doing acts of service and not even realize it. Doing things such as donating blood or even cutting your hair for “Locks of Love” are important to our country. During the horror or the 9 – 11 attacks, the Red Cross Foundation might have used your blood to save someone.

I also think that every job helps our country, so if you are unable to do anything else to lend a helping hand to our nation, you can just go to work everyday. For example, if you are a teacher, you help because you teach the people who are going to run this world someday. Judges and lawyers also, because they help prevent crimes so this nation can be a better place. The same goes for policemen and firefighters, and even doctors. They help out everybody when we need them.

So, if you feel like you don’t serve our country, you probably do. If you even say the Pledge of Allegiance or pray often you help out. Remember everyone is capable of serving in one form or another. Think about what John F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” – John F. Kennedy.