

Make Art Work | Goal Setting

Decide on a goal. State it in measurable terms. Determine whether the goal is achievable. You want a challenge, but don't set yourself up to fail. Identify why this goal is worthwhile. Does it relate to your picture of success? Does it relate to your long-term goals? Anticipate and identify *problems* you might run into and think about strategies for solving those problems. Define specific action steps to achieve the goal.

Decide on at least 3 goals for your Service Year. Use the Goal Organizers on the following pages to help you draft a goal.

Action Required: Complete the "Goal Setting Survey" at <https://www.imagineart.net/preparingforlifeafteramericorps>

Examples...

	Specific <i>Write your specific goal here. Include as many details as possible.</i>	Measurable <i>How will you measure your progress? How will you know when you've achieved the goal?</i>	Actionable <i>List 3 action steps you can take towards the goal</i>	Realistic <i>Your goals should be challenging, but not impossible to attain. Is this goal realistic? How do you know?</i>	Timed <i>When is your deadline for achieving your goal?</i>	<i>What (if any) additional training, support or guidance do you need to achieve this goal?</i>
Sample Goal #1	I want to enroll in a 4-year college when I finish my service term.	I will apply, get accepted, and enroll in college.	1. Take the ACT; 2. Complete FAFSA; 3. Apply to colleges	Yes, I graduated from high school with a 3.0 GPA	I want to be accepted by April and start classes by August	I need help completing my FAFSA
Sample Goal #2	I want a website to showcase and sell my artwork by the end of my service year.	I will subscribe to a web service, design my website, and start selling my artwork.	1. Research website options. 2. Talk with other artists about their websites. 3. Offer to work on the Imagine Art website to gain experience.	Yes. I have computer and design skills as well as artwork to display and sell.	I want the website up and running by August 1.	I need experience working on websites, time to work on my website, learn more about pricing my artwork and eCommerce.

Goal One Organizer

S.M.A.R.T. Goal Template (Excel Spreadsheet) available for download at <https://www.imagineart.net/preparingforlifeafteramericorps>

Questions to help you draft a goal...

What is the goal? Make it specific and measurable.

How does this goal relate to your long-term goals and ideas of success?

Make an action plan. What specific steps will you need to take?

What are the problems you will face? And what are your strategies for solving them?

Goal Two Organizer

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Questions to help you draft a goal...

What is the goal? Make it specific and measurable.

How does this goal relate to your long-term goals and ideas of success?

Make an action plan. What specific steps will you need to take?

What are the problems you will face? And what are your strategies for solving them?

Goal Three Organizer

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Make an action plan. What specific steps will you need to take?

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