# JUSTSERVE STUDENT CLUB

## RESPONSES TO HURDLE QUESTIONS
## FOR STARTING A CLUB

Sometimes we hear the following questions from students attempting to start a club at their school. Here are some responses you can be prepared for or give:

1. **"We have too many service clubs already at our school; we don't need another one."**

Most service clubs focus on college applications. JustServe is different. Any student can join— there are no fees or GPA requirements. The goal is to help students serve their community, build empathy, and develop real leadership skills. No strings attached.

JustServe Club has service ideas that can be done during a club lunch meeting or whenever the club gathers. They help support a large variety of organizations in the community.

2. **"What makes JustServe Club different from the other service clubs at our school?"**

There are no requirements or qualifications to be a member of this club.  Some clubs have academic requirements or grade level requirements, but the JustServe club is open to all.

There is no fee to register the club! Key Club costs about $200-$400 to register a charter, and students are expected to pay dues. National Honor Society (NHS) costs around $385 a year to maintain a chapter at the high school (according to their website). JustServe also comes with resources that can help guide student presidents and support school club advisors.

The purpose of the JustServe Club is to be an influence for good in the community through meaningful service. We lift, help, and serve others while building bridges with other community service organizations.  While serving others, we have fun, and we encourage members to support each other and connect.

Why we think JustServe is a worthy club to join this year—
1. You get to serve others and have fun doing it (we have service ideas that can be done on campus in about 40 minutes, as well as many other fun and inspiring ways to serve.)
2. Get involved in the community in local organizations.
3. Connect and make friends.
4. Get service hours for graduation, applications, and/or resumes.

3. **"That would take kids away from the current service clubs by splitting them into a new one; we don't like the idea of taking them out of other service clubs."**

JustServe is a service opportunity platform that can unify clubs by helping them find and collaborate on a number of local service opportunities.  Another option is to invite, sponsor, or partner with another club.  This is done sometimes with NHS, Key Club, or other service organizations that appreciate the support from JustServe.  This gives additional resources to an existing club to help them succeed.  A JustServe Club could support them with finding appropriate service projects.

**In addition to the hurdles above, have you considered…**
- Would the school be open to starting a JustServe Club if we demonstrated strong student interest? What would that require? Would collecting student signatures or commitment forms help show our interest?
- If starting a club right now isn't possible, what steps could we take in the meantime to prepare? Are there specific actions or recommendations you would suggest to help us build support for launching a JustServe Club on campus in the future?

**Would it be helpful to…**
- Ask the correct student government, organization, or person responsible for the clubs at the school about starting a JustServe Club.
- Talk to a faculty advisor to sponsor the club. Could the advisor help ask the student government or whoever approves the club about the approval process?
- Are there any friends of JustServe who know administrators at the school who can help get things approved or help support/provide guidance?

**If all efforts are exhausted, and it seems like a JustServe Club will not work at the school…**
- Join another service club and use JustServe to assist them in their efforts as a JustServe Ambassador.  Show them how to utilize JustServe.org for finding and participating in local community or remote service projects. This is a great way to create positive exposure for JustServe.