

Ideas for Civic Action & Learning*

*From Miami Dade College's Civic Action Scorecard

A "civic learning and engagement" toolkit with 100+ real world actions across five categories. Students earn points towards a "Civic Action Award" as they build knowledge, skills, and confidence to become active and informed members of their community.



- What do you think of this list, what is missing?
- Which ones might you commit to doing?
- Check the "To Do" column and make your plan.

Sample Civic Actions – Partial List		
	DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT	To Do
1	Register to vote	
2	Help someone register to vote	
3	Find the sample ballot for upcoming elections	
4	Create a voting plan	
5	Vote in local, state, or federal elections	
6	Attend, watch, or listen to a live debate, session, or address	
7	Know your elected officials at the city, county, state, and federal levels	
8	Research two of your current elected officials	
9	Call or email an elected official	
10	Report issue or concern to proper governmental authority	
11	Research budget from your city or county	
12	Attend, watch, or listen to a community, city, county, or state meeting	
13	Present a prepared speech at a community, city, county, or state meeting	
14	Serve as an election Poll Worker	
15	Attend/participate in an event relating to democratic engagement	
16	Participate in a skills-based training or workshop related to democratic engagement	
17	Sign 5 political, environmental, or social issue petitions relating to causes you support	
18	Serve with a local or state political campaign	
19	Join a local or state voter engagement organization or political party and attend at least 2 meetings	
20	Peacefully attend a rally, protest, or demonstration with positive signage	
21	Write an op-ed or letter to the editor	
22	Read two news articles from a reputable news source on a civic topic	
23	Summarize media fact-checking	
24	Review the SIFT method (Stop, Investigate the Source, Find Better Coverage, Trace) and verify a news story	
25	Read and summarize a United States founding document	
26	Take practice Citizenship Exam with passing score	
27	Research two political activists who helped individuals secure the right to vote	
28	Earn "Leadership & No-Blame Problem-Solving Certificate" from the Citizens Campaign	
29	Learn "How to Understand Power" by Eric Liu	
30	Learn about the issue of gerrymandering and possible solutions	
	ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY	
1	Review the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals	
2	Calculate your ecological footprint	
3	Clean up trash in your community	
4	Eliminate/reduce consumption of single-use plastic (bags, water bottles, straws, etc.)	
5	Reduce your transportation footprint for one week	

	COMMUNITY WELL-BEING	To Do
1	Complete a Significant Act of Kindness	
2	Donate non-perishable food to a local food bank	
3	Donate in-kind to a nonprofit or community organization (clothing, household goods, etc.)	
4	Fundraise for a nonprofit organization	
5	Serve with a local or state nonprofit	
6	Serve on a community board or committee	
7	Donate blood or plasma	
8	Join the bone marrow registry, or sign up to be an organ donor	
9	Host a community meeting	
10	Complete a "Community Well-Being Certification" (e.g., mental health, CPR, suicide prevention)	
11	Attend/participate in events related to community well-being or a social issue	
12	Present a workshop, training, or informational event related to community well-being	
13	Be hurricane and emergency prepared	
14	Donate hair to individuals who have lost their hair while battling cancer or other ailments	
15	Deepen your understanding of empathy	
	ARTS & CULTURE	
1	Watch a film or documentary about a political, environmental, social, or cultural issue	
2	Read a nonfiction or fiction book about a political, environmental, social, or cultural issue	
	SOCIAL INNOVATION	
1	Learn about the concept of social innovation	
2	Read two articles from Solutions Journalism	
3	Learn about Ashoka Fellows – who they are, what they do	
4	Watch a Ted Talk on a social innovation project	
5	Attend/participate in social innovation or social entrepreneurship workshop, training, or informational event	
	OTHER ACTIONS YOU WANT TO DO...	

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