



I am writing to ask you for your help with a short survey the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), called the National Youth Volunteering and Civic Engagement Survey.

The CNCS has asked us to collect information on volunteering activities that you may have participated in as part of your school activities or as a part of a community or religious organization that you belong to. Within the next 3 months, our interviewers will ask you general questions about your experiences, as well a few other questions about your community involvement. Whether you've volunteered a lot or a little, or even if you haven't volunteered at all, your answers are very important since they will represent the answers for others just like you. By participating, you will help our leaders design programs that will make community involvement more attractive and meaningful to you.

To show our appreciation for your participation, we have enclosed a \$20 ATM card. Once you complete the interview, you will receive the personal identification number (PIN), which will allow you to withdraw \$20 from an ATM machine. On the back of this letter is additional information to frequently asked questions about the survey and additional information on the use of the ATM card.

One of our interviewers will call your household to conduct the interview. If you would like to schedule a specific time for your interview, please do so by calling 1-877-749-4943. If you do not want to participate, please inform the interviewer of your decision when he or she calls.

Your participation is voluntary, and we hope that you decide to take part in this very important study on teen volunteering and civic engagement in our Nation. We invite you to visit the following Web site to find out more about the CNCS: <<http://www.nationalservice.gov/research>>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve H. Murdock".

Steve H. Murdock
Director

National Youth Volunteering and Civic Engagement Survey Frequently Asked Questions

How Long Will This Survey Take?

For each person, the time will differ depending on the answers you provide; we expect the interview to take between 10 and 20 minutes.

What Will My Answers Be Used For?

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country. The information collected through this survey will be used by CNCS and others to better understand how and why young people participate in their community through service. The results will be published in a series of reports. To see how results from previous surveys have been used, see the Youth Helping American Series at <http://www.nationalservice.gov/research>.

How was I selected?

During the past two years, a member of your household participated in the Current Population Survey. From the results of that survey, we have identified households with children who are now between the ages of 12 and 18. We then selected one person from each household to participate in this survey. This selection approach reduces costs and saves taxpayer dollars.

What Confidential Protection Do I have?

The Census Bureau is conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires that all information can only be used for statistical purposes. Every Census Bureau employee takes an oath and is subject to a prison sentence, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, if he or she discloses any personal information.

How do I Receive \$20 for Participating in Your Survey?

If you decide to participate in this survey, the interviewer will give you the 4-digit PIN for the ATM card at the end of the interview. You can then take this card to any ATM to withdraw \$20. In some cases, ATMs will tell you that you will need to pay a fee in order to withdraw the promised \$20. Don't worry, we have included this cost on the card. If the card is lost or damaged, please call 1-877-749-4943.

What if I Have Comments About This Survey?

If you have any comments about the time estimate or any other aspect of this survey, please send them to Paperwork Project 0607-0913, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, AMSD & 3K138, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0913" as the subject. The approval number from the Office of Management and Budget(OMB) is 0607-0913 and will expire on December 31, 2009. Without this approval from the OMB, the Census Bureau could not conduct this survey.