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## Teen service program offers tuition assistance

The Bethesda-based American Jewish Society for Service is announcing a new tuition relief initiative for its 2009 summer work service programs for high school students as a way to respond to the growing needs of community agencies for volunteer help during the current economic crisis.

Through these efforts, AJSS says it's stepping up its commitment to local agencies across the country that provide social safety nets in their communities. At the same time, AJSS executive director Rena Convisor says the organization is "committed to making a summer of service financially affordable for those teenagers who wish to serve."

"We are tightening the AJSS belts to make this possible," she said, "but we fundamentally believe it's everyone's responsibility to repair the world." Applications are now being accepted for work projects this summer in Kansas City, Kan., and Amarillo, Texas. For more information and an application, go to [ww.ajss.org](http://ww.ajss.org), e-mail [info@ajss.org](mailto:info@ajss.org) or call 301-767-3930.