Self Inventory Questionnaire  
For Exploring a Nonprofit Career

INTRODUCTION
This Self Inventory for Exploring a Nonprofit Career is designed to help you reflect on your aspirations for service and work in the nonprofit sector. This tool is used at the LTU-Nonprofit Career Forum held every semester in Southfield, Michigan as part of the course in Strategic Nonprofit Management. This Career Forum is open to the public. For more information, email lindman@ltu.edu

SELF-INVENTORY QUESTIONS

1) Why are you interested in a career in the nonprofit sector?  
(Twenty-five words or less)
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2) What skills, interest, and passions would you bring to the nonprofit sector?  
(Twenty-five words or less)
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3) What are your salary and benefits needs and expectations?  
(Twenty-five words or less)
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4) Identify type of nonprofit organization you want to work for  
(Check all that apply)

Advocacy and political groups
Lobbying groups
Professional associations
Think tanks, scientific and research organizations
Educational organizations
Art, historical, cultural organizations
Direct social service agencies
Foundations
Health related
Religious organizations
Labor organizations
Environmental organizations
Social change organizations
Others: ________________________

5) Identify a specific issue or population which you would enjoy working with .
(Check all that apply)
Disability issues  Political reform
Children and families  Endangered species
AIDS, cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's  Water quality
Homelessness  Prison reform
Literacy  Consumer's rights
Economic development  Civil and human rights
Senior citizens  Others: ________________________
Immigrants/refugees

6) Identify the type of job you would enjoy within a nonprofit organization. (Check all that apply)
Program Planning  Survey Research
Program Coordination  Quantitative Analysis
Marketing  Program Evaluation
Public Relations  Scientific Research
Development/Fundraising  Community Organizing
Human Resources  Social Work
Information Technology  Educating
Financial  Counseling
Policy Analysis  Other: ________________________

7) Identify skills and characteristics which you consider strengths and would like to put to work in the nonprofit sector?
Organization and coordination skills  Technology, data and computer
Good interpersonal skills  Creativity
Writing - media and marketing  Flexibility
Writing – Grants & fund raising  Maturity
Public speaking  Empathy
Interviewing  Sensitivity
Counseling  Adaptability
Program planning  Language skills
Problem solving
Specific subject knowledge: ____________________________
Others: ____________________________
8) Which of the following types of nonprofit service activities are you interested in?
   Volunteer – short-term
   Volunteer – long term
   Paid internship
   Serve as a board member
   Donor
   None
   Other: ________________________________

9) What assistance do you need to take your next step in exploring your nonprofit career interest?
   (Check all that apply)
   More education or training in specific nonprofit skills.
   Volunteer opportunities.
   Board service opportunities.
   Employment opportunities.
   Nonprofit salary and benefit information.
   Introduction to a specific nonprofit organization.
   Informational interviews with nonprofit professionals
   Visits specific nonprofit organizations
   Other: ________________________________