

## IELTS Writing Sample

Note: The original student essay has been corrected below. On page two, the editor has taken the original student essay and modified it for content and form to demonstrate how a higher IELTS band score could be obtained.

**Writing Prompt:** In order for many young people to contribute to our society, it is worthwhile to make university/college students do volunteer work in order to give credits which are necessary for their degrees. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

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### Original Student Essay With Corrections (IELTS Score = 4.5 or 5.0)

RED = error correction

BLUE and UNDERLINED = addition by editor

RED STRIKETHROUGH = deletion by editor

University / college students do volunteer work in order to give credits which are necessary for their degrees.

Firstly doing volunteer work is good for students. Generally, **Japanese** students get credits by taking part in classes, **submitting** reports and research so that they **only** communicate with students or **professors** except part-time job in normal campus life. However, **there are many opportunities for students** to meet those who **they would** never meet in normal campus life and **students** can get unique and valuable experiences and perspectives through doing volunteer work. Additionally, **the** number of students who want to **do** work related with that volunteer work or be social workers **in the future** may ~~be~~ increase.

Secondly **this scheme** is good for society, too. Industries which need young volunteers such as nursing-~~care~~ or agriculture **industries** have **a big** ~~problem of~~ shortage of man power. That problem would be improved ~~if~~ nationwide **if** students **helped** these industries as volunteers. **That scheme should be adopted (introduce or start) in Tohoku area initially because this area remains still has lots of problems which is were coured caused by a big earthquake in 2011.**

In conclusion, ~~the~~ university / college students should do volunteer work in order to get credits since **this scheme** is **not only** good for themselves, **but also** society.

## **Rewritten Student Essay, modified for content and form (IELTS Score = 8.5 or 9)**

Recently, some colleges and universities have begun to reward college credits to students for volunteer work in addition to regular coursework to complete requirements necessary for their degrees. Although some may be skeptical about rewarding students course credit for volunteer work, there are many benefits to this type of system. Not only is this system beneficial to students themselves, but also to society as a whole.

Firstly, volunteer work is beneficial to the overall development of a student's character as he or she prepares to enter into society. Generally, Japanese students obtain credits by taking part in classes, submitting reports, and doing research. In these cases, students only have the chance to communicate with students or professors at their academic institution. However, in volunteer work, there are many opportunities for students to meet those who they would not usually meet on campus, and have unique and valuable experiences through volunteer work, thus giving them a new perspective on life. Additionally, it has been demonstrated that students who are exposed to volunteer work at a young age express more interest in humanitarian efforts as they grow older. Students who volunteer will be more likely to be socially-responsible adults.

Secondly, students who perform volunteer work have a positive impact on society as well. Currently, industries in Japan such as elderly care, nursing, or agriculture have a shortage of manpower. That problem could be improved nation-wide if students helped these industries as volunteers. In Japan, this scheme could be successfully adopted in Tohoku area, where there remain many problems caused by the Great Tohoku Earthquake in 2011. Volunteers have the potential to greatly affect societal wellbeing.

In conclusion, it is an excellent idea for university and college students to do volunteer work in order to obtain credits. This scheme not only has the potential to develop a person's personality and provide enriching life experiences, but will also greatly benefit society as a whole.