



Oxfam at a glance: On campus

Whether they're gaining leadership skills through the CHANGE Initiative or joining Oxfam Clubs at schools nationwide, thousands of students are teaming up with Oxfam to fight poverty, hunger, and injustice.

A COMMUNITY OF ACTION

Oxfam is an international relief and development organization working in more than 90 countries worldwide. In 1974, Oxfam America launched its first grassroots anti-hunger campaign. Among those who joined the effort were high school and university students, whose dedication and optimism attracted others to the cause.

Nearly four decades later, students still number among Oxfam's most committed supporters, organizing events and building networks on campus and beyond. Today's student volunteers usually work with Oxfam in one of two ways: as participants in our national leadership program, the CHANGE Initiative, or as members of Oxfam Clubs on campuses around the country.

LEADING THE CHANGE

Founded in 2000, the CHANGE Initiative is a highly competitive national program that trains college students to become actively engaged with Oxfam America's work. Applicants must be entering their sophomore or junior year at a US-based college or university. Oxfam annually selects 50 students who best demonstrate strong ideals and a commitment to positive change.

These CHANGE Leaders come to Boston for a rigorous weeklong training that builds leadership, advocacy, organizing, and communications skills, as well as familiarity with Oxfam's mission. CHANGE Leaders return to their campuses energized and ready to work for social justice. Throughout the academic year, CHANGE Leaders receive support from Oxfam staffers—and one another.

A TEAM EFFORT

CHANGE Leaders build a movement by working with others on campus and in their communities. They start or join Oxfam Clubs, host events, and team up with like-minded student organizations. Their leadership and consensus-building skills often serve them well after graduation. Past CHANGE Leaders have gone on to work for members of Congress, start their own nonprofit organizations, and pursue social justice careers worldwide.

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At the end of that week, I emerged as a different person. The CHANGE training actively engaged me in Oxfam's social justice mission and also helped me develop as a capable leader.

—From the keynote address of Alicia M. Wilson, 2001 CHANGE Leader, at the CHANGE 10th anniversary celebration in 2010

INSPIRING IDEAS

Students are known for their energy and creativity—and Oxfam volunteers are no exception. Here are just some of the events they have organized on campuses around the country:

- Oxfam benefit concerts
- Photo and art exhibits
- Letter-writing parties
- A masquerade ball fundraiser
- Dining hall fasts, where students skip a meal as a group and donate the money saved to Oxfam
- Panel discussions featuring guest speakers and experts from around the world
- Film screenings
- *Oxfam America Hunger Banquets*

What is Oxfam?

Oxfam America is an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice. Together with individuals and local groups around the world, Oxfam saves lives, helps people overcome poverty, and fights for social justice. To join our efforts or learn more, go to oxfamamerica.org.

We are a member of Oxfam—a confederation of 15 Oxfam affiliates—working in more than 90 countries with up to 3,000 local organizations. With many of the causes of poverty global in nature, the members of Oxfam believe that we can achieve a greater impact through our collective efforts.

OXFAM CLUBS

Students at all levels, from high school to post-graduate, can join or start Oxfam Clubs on campus. About 100 Oxfam Clubs are currently active in the US, with new clubs forming every year. These independent organizations support Oxfam's work through community actions and events; in turn, Oxfam supplies them with materials, research, training, and ideas.

All clubs agree to organize around at least one Oxfam-specific campaign. Members work with a faculty adviser, register their club on campus and with Oxfam, elect leaders, and create a mission statement with clear goals and a plan for the year.

For members, Oxfam Clubs can be a fun, dynamic, and collaborative way to meet fellow students and learn more about poverty and social justice—while making a real difference on the issues.

CAMPAIGNS ON CAMPUS

To make the greatest impact, Oxfam student leaders link their efforts to one of Oxfam's current campaigns. Recent campaigns include building a better global food system; protecting the rights of communities affected by oil, gas, and mining projects; and supporting Oxfam's response to disasters and crises worldwide.

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Starting an Oxfam Club enabled me to live my values and my passions—and to share that with my peers.

—Kelly Muenchen, 2010 CHANGE Leader

MORE WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO SUPPORT OXFAM

- Visit oxfamamerica.org/actfast for event ideas, online actions, a community calendar, and more.
- Like us: [facebook.com/oxfamamerica](https://www.facebook.com/oxfamamerica).
- Volunteer at concerts by Oxfam supporters like Wilco and TV on the Radio. Apply at oxfamamerica.org/volunteer.
- Get the latest updates on Twitter. Follow [@oxfamamerica](https://twitter.com/oxfamamerica) for news about our work around the world, and connect with student leaders by following [@changeleaders](https://twitter.com/changeleaders).
- Host an *Oxfam America Hunger Banquet* on campus. Get started at oxfamamerica.org/hungerbanquet.

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