

# 7 Steps for Decision-Making

Identify the Decision

Gather Needed Information

Identify alternatives

Analyze Your Alternatives

Select the Best Option for You

Impliment the Decision

Review and Analyze Impacts

**School Visit Policy Update:** 

Ilf you miss a school visit, it is your responsiblity to reach out to staff. In order to get credit (and paid) for the missed visit, you must contact staff by the Sunday after the missed school visit. If you don't contact staff by Sunday, you can't get credit for the missed visit. Newsletters for the previous week will be posted in the Upward Bound BAND every Sunday.

Monday Sessions: November 10, 2025 January 26, 2026 February 23, 2026\* March 9, 2026 April 13, 2026 April 27, 2026 \* February 23 is a make-up date in the event the January session is cancelled







Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change. – Jim Rohn

College Spotlight: Tufts University
Location: Medford, MA

Type: 4 year private

Number of undergraduate students: 7,061

Graduation rate: 93%

Stud<mark>ent to Faculty Ratio: 10:1</mark>

Average net price: \$33,333

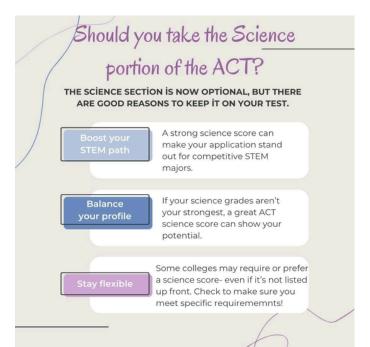
Acceptance rate: 12%

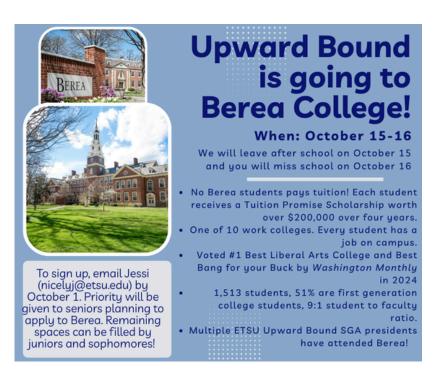
Average ACT of accepted students: 33–35 (some students

are outside of this range)

#### Tufts Tuition Pact

Starting Fall 2026, U.S. undergraduate students from families earning less than \$150,000 will attend Tufts tuition-free! Students from families earning less than \$60,000 per year will receive financial aid with no loans. This may cover expenses included on-campus housing, meals, books and supplies.





## THE FIVE CRITICAL ELEMENTS

### OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE

#### COMMUNITY VOICE

COMMUNITY YOUR IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO BUILD BRIDGES, MAVE POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE, AND SOLVE PROBLEMS, ANY COMMUNITY SIRVICE ORIGINAZION SHOULD MAKE SURFETHAT THE VOICE AND THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE.

MEANINGFUL ACTION

MEANINGFUL ACTION MEANS THAT THE SERVICE BEING DOINE IS NECESSARY AND VALUABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. IT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL THAT WHAT THEY DID MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN A MEASURABLE WAY AND THEIR TIME WAS UTILIZED WELL. IT IS CLOSELY TED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT'S OFIENTATION AND REFLECTION COMPONENTS.

#### ORIENTATION

CRIENTATION AND TRAINING ARE IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS FOR ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY THE ISSUE, AND THE AGENCY OR COMMUNITY GROUP.

#### REFLECTION

REPLECTION IS SIMPLY PROCESSING THE SERVICE EXPERIENCE. IT CAN HAPPEN IN A VARIETY OF MAYS: A CONVERSATION, A FACILITATE DISCUSSION, JOURNAL WRITING, ETC. REPLECTION PLACES THE EXPERIENCE IN A BROADER CONTEXT AND HELPS PARTICIPANTS UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY OID, HOW IT HELPED, AND WHAT THEY CAN DO AN THE FUTURE.

EVALUATION

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY BOTH
STUDENTS AND AGENCIES
SHOULD ENALUATE THE SERVICE
EXPERENCE, EVALUATION
ALLOWS FOR THE PROJECT
MEPROVE, GROW, AND CHANGE.

