

Information Session

# AmeriCorps

Get started at [AmeriCorps.gov](https://AmeriCorps.gov)



# What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to get things done. No matter what you're passionate about, where you're from, or why you choose to serve, AmeriCorps is your chance to bring out the best of America.

# How It Works

Customize your AmeriCorps experience



## CHOOSE LENGTH

Serve part-time or full-time for terms lasting from 3 months to one year. Summer terms are also available.



## CHOOSE LOCATION

Apply for service opportunities in your own community or pick from a list of locations across the country.



## PICK YOUR PASSION

Search for organizations that advance causes you care about. Choose from thousands of opportunities.

# Who We Work With





# Our **Model**

## **Advance Local Solutions**

Immerse yourself in projects that respond to community needs. You will serve alongside organizations improving the lives of others and creating change that lasts.



# Benefits of Service

## Make a Difference

Leave your mark on one or many communities through your service.



## Serve anywhere in the US

Find an opportunity in your own community, explore a new city, or travel throughout your service term.



## Financial Benefits

Earn a modest living allowance (benefits vary by program).



## Professional Development

Gain valuable professional experience, receive training and/or certifications, and grow your network.



**AmeriCorps Benefits** During your service

# AmeriCorps Benefits

After your service



## Money for School

Earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to use on qualifying student loans or future education costs (full FY23 amount is \$6,895).



## Jobs with Leading Employers

Receive a competitive edge in your job search with over 600 Employers of National Service.



## What is a **Living Allowance?**

AmeriCorps members earn a modest living allowance, rather than a salary or hourly wage. The amount an AmeriCorps member is paid remains consistent from one pay period to the next. The living allowance is provided to cover the cost of basic expenses while serving

## What is a **Living Stipend?**

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serving with the Foster Grandparent program or Senior Companion program earn a modest living stipend, rather than a salary. Income eligible volunteers in the Foster Grandparent program and the Senior Companion program receive the stipend to offset the cost of service.



**Your Opportunities**

# AmeriCorps NCCC & FEMA Corps



## Age requirement

- Members must be 18-26 (no upper age limit for team leaders)



## How you'll serve

- 10-12 months of full-time service
- Travel regionally or nationally
- Complete 3-6 different types of projects (clear trails in a national park, build homes, respond to disasters, etc.)



## Unique benefits of your service

- Housing, meals, travel, and living allowance provided
- Limited medical benefit
- Fast track employment with FEMA, additional employment opportunities with project partners

# AmeriCorps Seniors



## Age requirement

- Volunteers must be 55 or older



## How you'll serve

- Time commitments are flexible
- Help a struggling child to learn to read, deliver groceries to an elderly neighbor, support a family impacted by natural disaster, and more



## Unique benefits of your service

- Benefits will vary by program, income-eligible volunteers may receive a modest stipend
- Forge new connections, improve your wellbeing

# AmeriCorps State & National



## Age requirement

- Members must be 17 years or older (no upper age limit)



## How you'll serve

- Customizable commitment (full-time, part-time; 3 months to 1 year)
- Serve on the project of your choice (mentor or tutor students, build a community garden, support veterans and military families, etc.)



## Unique benefits of your service

- A truly customizable experience!
- Thousands of service opportunities in a variety of service settings (classroom, outdoors, office, etc.)

# Public Health AmeriCorps



## Age requirement

- Members must be 18 years or older (no upper age limit)



## How you'll serve

- Customizable commitment (full-time, part-time; 3 months to 1 year)
- Serve on a project you are passionate about (behavioral health, COVID-19 recovery, improving equitable access to care, etc.)



## Unique benefits of your service

- Benefits will vary by project site
- Receive specialized training and start (or continue) your career in public health

# AmeriCorps VISTA



## Age requirement

- Members must be 18 years or older (no upper age limit)



## How you'll serve

- Full-time, 12-month term; summer opportunities are also available
- Anti-poverty focus
- Professional, administrative setting (write grants, recruit, conduct community outreach, etc.)



## Unique benefits of your service

- Eligibility for federal jobs (NCE); job opportunities with nonprofits and local governments
- Living allowance adjusted to location; members may also qualify for a relocation allowance



**Find Your Fit**



# Find your fit

Consider these factors to find your fit



## Age

Some AmeriCorps programs have limits on how old you must be to serve; others have age cut offs.



## Location

Choose to serve in your community or explore a new city or region. Knowing where you want to serve can help you narrow down your service opportunities.



## Time

Serve for a year or just a few months. Deciding on how long you want to serve can help you select an opportunity.



## Interest

Selecting a project area of interest can help you find service opportunities that match your skills and passions.

# Get Started 4 Steps to Apply



Research opportunities at [My.AmeriCorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov). Find the program, location, and time commitment that fits you.

1



Create a profile. Input some basic info and verify your email.

2



Complete an application. Input education, professional experience, skills, and names of two (2) references to create a "common" app.

3



Submit your application. Apply to one or more opportunities at once.

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# Questions?

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