

What Is AmeriCorps?



AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 85,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities and country each year. It consists of three main programs: AmeriCorps State and National, whose members serve with national and local nonprofit and community groups; AmeriCorps VISTA, through which members serve full time fighting poverty; and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for young adults 18-24 who carry out projects in public safety, the environment, youth development, and disaster relief and preparedness.

What Do AmeriCorps Members Do?

AmeriCorps members recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers, tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build the capacity of nonprofit groups to become self-sustaining, among many other activities.

What Benefits Do AmeriCorps Members Receive?

In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award equal to the maximum amount of the Pell Grant that can be used to pay for educational expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, or to pay back qualified student loans. For positions approved in 2010, the amount will be \$5,350. Awards are pro-rated for part-time service. Some members also receive a living allowance and health care.

AmeriCorps Fast Facts

- 637,000:** Number of people who have served as AmeriCorps members since 1994.
- 774 Million:** Total number of hours served by AmeriCorps members.
- \$1.77 Billion:** Total amount of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members since 1994.
- 2.4 Million:** Number of community volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in fiscal 2009.
- 3,300:** Number of nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations served by AmeriCorps members.
- \$6.3 Billion:** Amount of AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups since 1994.