



Learn and Serve America

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Learn and Serve America provides an "on ramp" to a lifetime of civic engagement for more than a million students each year. The program awards grants to state education agencies, schools, nonprofit groups, and institutions of higher education to engage students in service activities linked to academic achievement and civic responsibility. This type of service, called service-learning, improves communities while developing the lifelong habit of service in young people. Learn and Serve America also provides free resources on service-learning to the public, teachers, faculty members, schools, youth, and youth service groups through the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse.



LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA STATISTICS FOR 2005:

• Program Participants	1.47 million
• Hours Served by Participants	25.6 million
• Community Volunteers Recruited/Managed	175,000
• Youth From Disadvantaged Circumstances Serving through Learn and Serve America	486,000
• Fiscal Year 2005	\$42.65 million
• Fiscal Year 2006	\$37.12 million

OTHER FACTS

- 32 percent of America's elementary and secondary schools have adopted service-learning programs.
- 45 percent of K-12 schools receiving Learn and Serve America funds have embraced service-learning as a part of their core curriculum.
- 35 states have adopted some form of service-learning policy—either a mandatory, statewide policy or one granting districts the freedom to create their own.
- At least a quarter of all higher education institutions and more than half of all community colleges have adopted service-learning programs.
- 66 percent of higher education institutions that receive Learn and Serve America funds have embraced service-learning as a part of their core curriculum.

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- 89 percent of Learn and Serve America grantees and sub-grantees meet a majority of the characteristics of high-quality service-learning programs.
- 51 percent of Learn and Serve America-funded programs report that activities related to service-learning have had a substantial positive impact on making service-learning a permanent part of their institution.
- 41 percent of the resources for Learn and Serve America are provided by sources outside the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- The most common community-service areas for Learn and Serve America programs are education (40 percent), the environment (25 percent), and health and nutrition (24 percent).

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Learn and Serve America is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also administers Senior Corps and AmeriCorps. The mission of the Corporation is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Together with USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to foster a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

MORE INFORMATION

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