

What Is AmeriCorps?



AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 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 more than 2,900 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 do a wide range of things. They 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 of \$4,725 that can be used to pay for college or graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. Awards are pro-rated for part-time service. Some members also receive a living allowance and health care.

AmeriCorps Fast Facts

574,000: Number of people who have served as AmeriCorps members since 1994.

718 Million: Total number of hours served by AmeriCorps members.

\$1.59 Billion: Total amount of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members since 1994.

2.2 Million: Number of community volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in 2008.

4,100: Number of nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations that AmeriCorps members served in 2008.

\$5.7 Billion: Amount of AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups since 1994.