



AmeriCorps

GENERAL BACKGROUND

*AmeriCorps is a network of three programs—AmeriCorps*State and National, AmeriCorps*VISTA, and AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)—that each year support the engagement of nearly 75,000 Americans in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. Since 1994, nearly 500,000 AmeriCorps members have served with thousands of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based organizations nationwide—from small community groups to nationally known organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Members tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, clean parks and streams, and recruit, train, and manage community volunteers. In return for their service, AmeriCorps members receive an AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans; members have earned more than \$1 billion in education awards since 1994.*



AMERICORPS STATISTICS FOR 2005:

• Members	74,689
• Hours Served	62.4 million
• Community Volunteers Recruited/Managed	1,376,194
• Fiscal Year 2005 Budget (Programs + Education Award)	\$550.1 million
• Fiscal Year 2006 Budget (Programs + Education Award)	\$525.6 million

OTHER FACTS

- 92 percent of AmeriCorps sponsoring organizations say members helped them increase the number of persons the groups served to a large or moderate extent.
- 72 percent of AmeriCorps members continue to volunteer in their communities after their term of service ends.
- 87 percent of former AmeriCorps members accepted public service employment (including governmental and nonprofit work) with three years after completing their AmeriCorps service.

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- 86 percent of former AmeriCorps members indicated that their service experience and training helped to a great or moderate extent in their job, educational pursuits, or community service activities.
- Each year, AmeriCorps leverages more than \$200 million in matching funds from non-federal sources to support members and programs.

ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS

AmeriCorps membership is open to U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents age 17 and older. Members serve full or part time over a 10- to 12-month period. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive an AmeriCorps Education Award of up to \$4,725 to pay for college or graduate school or to pay back qualified student loans. During their service, members receive health coverage, training, and student loan deferment. About half the members also receive a modest annual living allowance. Members who serve part time receive a partial AmeriCorps Education Award.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also administers Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. 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

To learn more about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov or call 800-942-2677 or TTY 800-833-3722.

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