



## FEMA Corps FAQs for Applicants and Members

### **What is FEMA Corps?**

FEMA Corps is an exciting new partnership between the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency that establishes a new track of 1,600 service corps members within AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) dedicated to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Just like current AmeriCorps NCCC members, FEMA Corps members serve a 10 month term and are eligible to serve a second year based on their performance. Also like NCCC, FEMA Corps is a full-time, team-based residential service program for men and women age 18–24 operated in the same campus structure as AmeriCorps NCCC. FEMA Corps members are assigned to one of five NCCC campuses, located in Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Perry Point, Maryland; Vicksburg, Mississippi; and Vinton, Iowa. AmeriCorps NCCC and FEMA Corps members receive a living allowance of approximately \$4,000 for the 10 months of service (about \$200 every two weeks before taxes), housing, meals, limited medical benefits, up to \$400 a month for childcare, if necessary, member uniforms, and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of the program.

### **What's the difference between FEMA Corps and the traditional track of AmeriCorps NCCC?**

The AmeriCorps NCCC program focuses in a wide variety of service and project areas including direct response and recovery to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. In partnership with nonprofits, secular and faith based organizations, local municipalities, state governments, federal government, national or state parks, Indian Tribes and schools; NCCC members complete service projects throughout the campus region they are assigned.

FEMA Corps members will solely focus on disaster response and recovery activities with FEMA. Members will be dedicated to FEMA deployments in areas of logistics, community relations, individual and public assistance, and recovery. They will provide support in areas ranging from working directly with disaster survivors to supporting disaster recovery centers to sharing valuable disaster mitigation information with the public.

### **Will the traditional NCCC track still respond to natural and other disasters?**

Yes. As one of our main project focus areas, NCCC has a commitment to work related to disaster preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. The traditional NCCC track will still work directly with state commissions, nonprofits, and faith based disaster response organizations. Potential activities include setting up and managing shelters and emergency call centers, large scale debris removal, demolition and construction, as well as leading and contributing to overall volunteer efforts. AmeriCorps NCCC members can expect at least one project in this focus area.



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### **When will FEMA Corps Start?**

Our first FEMA Corps Team Leaders and Corps Members will arrive at our AmeriCorps NCCC campuses in July and August of 2012.

Our second FEMA Corps term will begin in Winter 2013 and the application listing opens April 2012.

### **How Do I Apply to FEMA Corps?**

To apply to FEMA Corps simply search listings for AmeriCorps NCCC or AmeriCorps NCCC Team Leaders. All NCCC opportunities that are currently accepting applications will be listed here. Select AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps and [“Apply Now.”](#)

### **Can I apply for more than one AmeriCorps NCCC track?**

Yes. You can use the same application to apply to FEMA Corps and AmeriCorps NCCC as a Team Leader or Corps Member. Simply search listings for AmeriCorps NCCC, and click on each listing to select “Apply Now” for each opportunity that interests you. If you do not submit your application to a specific listing or position, your application will not be considered, so be sure to select “Apply Now” for each listing. You will receive a confirmation email upon successful submission.

### **Can I be selected for both AmeriCorps NCCC and FEMA Corps, and then choose which track I want to do?**

No. Once you are invited to serve for one NCCC service track you will no longer be able to be selected for the other NCCC service track. Be sure to learn as much as possible about the many opportunities available to you, and decide which option is right for you.

### **Why are CNCS and FEMA offering this FEMA Corps track?**

As an easily deployable, highly motivated, and energized corps of young people, AmeriCorps NCCC has been a vital support system for communities across America in times of natural disaster and with FEMA Corps we hope to expand our impact to all communities in these times of need. With the help of FEMA and an increase of 1,600 additional corps members we can greatly increase our level of support and strengthen the nation’s disaster response capacity.

In FEMA Corps, young people are provided with the training, experience, and educational opportunities to prepare them for careers in emergency management and related fields, a commitment that extends beyond their service term

The partnership will strengthen our nation’s culture of service and civic engagement by mobilizing corps members and community volunteers to provide critical disaster services.