Bring out the best of America
What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps brings people together to serve communities. AmeriCorps members serve directly with organizations and nonprofits to tackle our nation’s most pressing challenges.

Choose how to make an impact

As an AmeriCorps member, you can choose the service opportunity that aligns with your passions. We offer thousands of opportunities that focus on the following key areas.

**Education**
Be the one who greets students each day, mentor them to higher academic achievement, and keep them on track to graduate. Inspire creativity with STEM and robotics programs, or design cost-effective solutions that support teachers and tutors.

**Environmental Stewardship**
Get outdoors and restore public lands or bring environmental stewardship into classrooms. Elevate the importance of conservation at the local, state, and national levels.

**Disaster Response**
Be among the first to respond when disaster strikes or help rebuild in the months following. Assist disaster survivors and act as a force multiplier for other organizations on the ground.

**Healthy Futures**
Promote health and wellness, combat the growing opioid crisis, bridge the gap between individuals and health services, and tackle food insecurity by building gardens and harvesting food for local families.

**Economic Opportunity**
Build community and family stability. Increase access to college, build and rehabilitate affordable housing, provide financial literacy training, or connect people to jobs.

**Veterans & Military Families**
Extend a robust thank you to veterans and military families. Connect them to benefits, job resources, education options, and a welcoming community that understands the value of their service.

Fast fact

- Communities served across the US: 40k
- Total hours served: 1.6B
- AmeriCorps members currently serving: 75k
Why serve?

Enrich your life by helping others. When you serve with AmeriCorps, you join a network of people and organizations dedicated to strengthening communities.

Find the opportunity that’s right for you

We offer opportunities with different time commitments and requirements, meaning that you can serve in whatever capacity works for your passion, goals, and lifestyle.

Receive benefits for your service

Through our programs, we provide benefits for members, including education awards, housing stipends, living allowances, and supplemental health insurance. Benefits vary by program.

Develop a network that lasts a lifetime

When you serve with AmeriCorps, you join a network of more than 1 million strong. AmeriCorps alumni continue to give back to their communities after their service. The connections you make and the network you build while serving with AmeriCorps is unlike any other.

Grow professionally and personally

Learn and grow while making a difference in the lives of others. Individuals who serve with AmeriCorps build new skillsets that they can take with them wherever they go, while giving back to communities across the country.
Join AmeriCorps

We empower an entire ecosystem of service through our core programs.

Choose an opportunity to make an impact
AmeriCorps State and National

AmeriCorps State and National is the matchmaker of national service. You can serve in a way that fits your schedule, skills, and interests. Select from hundreds of organizations that see service as a solution to local, regional, and national challenges.

Expand the reach of a nonprofit
AmeriCorps VISTA

Fight poverty by helping an organization to expand its capacity to make change. Through fundraising, grant writing, volunteer recruitment, and so much more, gain experience and leadership skills that will set you up for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

Work in a team and travel the country
AmeriCorps NCCC

Travel around the country with a team of young adults and build your resume along the way. Whether clearing trails for a national park or building homes for families in need, you’ll engage in a variety of projects in communities throughout the United States for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We invite individuals of all ages and backgrounds to serve with AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps supports diversity and inclusion and encourages all eligible individuals to serve. Whether or not you’ve recently graduated, have had a job or two, or have retired from a long career — you can serve with AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps Seniors highlights the opportunities available to individuals 55 and older who want to make giving back their second act. Visit AmeriCorps.gov/Seniors to learn more.
Determine how you want to serve

1. Choose length
   AmeriCorps members typically serve for 10-12 months, with options for shorter terms or summer positions.

2. Choose location
   Apply for service opportunities in your own community or pick from a list of locations across the country.

Sign up to become an AmeriCorps member

1. Create a profile
   Enter your contact information, a motivational statement, a list of skills, and references.

2. Find an opportunity
   Look for service opportunities that are suited to your particular skills, interests, and availability.

3. Submit an application
   Apply to up to 10 service opportunities that interest you.
Be part of something bigger

Join a network of over a million people dedicated to giving back to communities.

“I was able to test out different roles and develop a sense of what I’m passionate about. It’s unlikely a first job out of college would have given me the same direction as my AmeriCorps experience in the NCCC-FEMA Corps program. The life skills I developed through AmeriCorps built the foundation for who I am as a person and ultimately launched my career.”

Dina Manco, AmeriCorps alumni

Grow personally and professionally

Enrich your life while enriching the lives of others.

“My parents’ home was hit by a catastrophic wind storm in 2020, and my AmeriCorps experience equipped me to walk outside of their house and know exactly what needed to be done. While this is an extreme case, I would recommend AmeriCorps to anyone who wants to gain the skills they need to become a better version of themselves.”

Corbin Beastrom, AmeriCorps alumni

“Helping my community fight poverty is the most rewarding thing I’ve ever been a part of, and now I have developed a different perspective on life and my future goals. I know that the experience and skills I learned while serving will become great assets for me in my future.”

Amelia Caté, AmeriCorps alumni
AmeriCorps provides many benefits for members and alumni

1. **Living Allowance**
   Receive a modest living allowance to cover basic expenses during your service term.

2. **Money for College and Trade School**
   The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award is offered to individuals who complete a term of service and can be used to pay for a range of educational expenses, like repaying qualified student loans or future tuition payments. You can earn up to two full Education Awards with multiple service terms.

3. **Loan Deferment and Interest Forbearance**
   Individuals in approved AmeriCorps positions are eligible for forbearance for most federally guaranteed student loans. In addition, interest payments that accrue during service may be eligible for repayment by AmeriCorps.

4. **Professional Development**
   Jump-start your career and gain transferable skills employers value including leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. Once you complete your service, leverage the Employers of National Service network, which connects you with hundreds of employers from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors who are committed to hiring alumni.

5. **Alumni Network**
   Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities. AmeriCorps alumni receive access to special benefits and resources. For example, many colleges and universities match the Education Award and offer additional AmeriCorps scholarships.

Serve with some of America’s leading nonprofits, faith-based, and community organizations

We bridge divides by bringing people together: connecting individuals and organizations to help communities tackle their toughest challenges. Visit our website to find our more about how to make a difference.
AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation’s most pressing challenges.

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