



CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Prospective Member and Volunteer Questions

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CNCS is closely monitoring the latest developments related to COVID-19. As America responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may have concerns about the potential impacts on your program. The below FAQs address questions posed by the outbreak. Check back as they are updated regularly.

These FAQs do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies. You should refer to CNCS's statute and regulations for applicable requirements.

1. Are AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs still operating?

Yes, despite the obstacles presented by social distancing, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs across the country have acted quickly and creatively to continue their critical work in new ways, or to pivot to meet emerging needs. See question #6 for instructions on how to learn more and join. *[updated 5/14]*

2. I'm interested in joining AmeriCorps or Senior Corps. Should I still apply or wait until next year?

Many AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs are currently accepting applications and continue to support critical community needs. **You are needed now more than ever**, so we encourage you to search for an AmeriCorps or Senior Corps opportunity near you. See question #6 for instructions on how to learn more and join. *[updated 5/14]*

3. I'm interested in doing COVID-19 response, how can I serve?

AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are getting things done by supporting emergency efforts and contact tracing, helping communities with growing nutritional needs, conducting wellness checks, and more. See them in action by following us on [social media](#).

The best way to get involved is to search for an AmeriCorps or Senior Corps opportunity in your community. See question #6 for instructions on how to learn more.

Not interested in a long-term commitment? Check out our [10 Ways to Safely Help Your Community During COVID-19](#). *[updated 5/14]*

4. Is it possible to serve remotely?

Yes, many AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs are allowing teleservice during the COVID-19 pandemic. To find out if the program you are interested in allows virtual onboarding and remote service, contact them directly using the instructions in question #6.

5. Have application deadlines changed due to COVID-19?

Deadlines vary by program. For AmeriCorps opportunities, application deadlines are listed on **My.AmeriCorps.gov**. If the deadline has already passed on the opportunity you're interested in, we recommend reaching out to the organization directly as they may accept applications on a rolling-basis or continue recruiting past the deadline.

For those interested in AmeriCorps NCCC, the next Corps Member application deadline is October 31, with service beginning in February 2021. The next Team Leader application deadline is September 30, with service beginning in January 2021. The next FEMA Corps application deadline for Corps Members and Team Leaders is November 30, with service beginning in March 2021.

See below for instructions on how to learn more and join. *[updated 7/1]*

6. How do I get more information about specific opportunities and apply?

AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers serve with non-profits and faith-based organizations across the country. The best way to get answers to specific questions about service is to contact local organizations directly. To join AmeriCorps, begin by searching opportunities at **My.AmeriCorps.gov**. To join Senior Corps, visit **SeniorCorps.gov/GetInvolved** to find opportunities near you. **General Questions?** Call our National Service Hotline at 1-800-942-2677 for more information or help troubleshooting your application. *[updated 5/14]*