



SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

	AmeriCorps State/National	AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)	AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
PROGRAM FOCUS	Members serve in either groups or individually at local community-based private and public organizations. Members solve problems primarily through direct service. Service areas include youth, the environment, and other unmet needs (i.e. housing, poverty and crime; domestic violence and child abuse prevention; and legal services).	Members serve through private organizations and public nonprofit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty – such as education, public safety, housing, civil rights, and employment – by developing and mobilizing resources that create long-term sustainable benefits at a community level.	Members serve on teams to meet urgent community needs in the areas of natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, the environment, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Teams will travel to a series of six- to eight-week-long projects supporting different nonprofit organizations, state and local agencies, and other community and faith-based groups throughout their assigned multi-state region.
ELIGIBILITY	Applicants must be at least 17 years old and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S.	Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. Background checks are conducted.	Applicants must be 18 to 24 years old while they serve and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. Background checks are conducted.
SKILL REQUIREMENTS	All skills levels are needed.	All skills levels are needed. Bachelor's degree or three years of related volunteer/job experience preferred.	All skill levels are needed.
TERM OF SERVICE	Full-time for 10 months to one year. Part-time opportunities are available of various durations depending on the program.	Full-time one year (365 days). No part-time service opportunities available.	Full-time for 10 months (Corps Member) or 11 months (Team Leader). No part-time service opportunities available.
LIVING ALLOWANCE	Most programs provide a modest living allowance.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.
ROOM AND BOARD	In most cases, members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses.	Members are responsible for covering their own housing and meals from their living allowance.	Members are provided with housing and meals. Housing arrangements vary depending on the needs and location of the project.
EDUCATION AWARD/STIPEND	Upon successful completion of service, full-time members receive a \$5,550 education award (amount equal to the Pell grant). Part-time members receive a prorated education award based on the successful completion of a certain number of required hours. Awards can be used to pay off qualified student loans or pay for future education expenses at qualified institutions of higher education.	Upon successful completion of service, members have a choice of a \$5,550 education award (amount equal to the Pell grant) or a \$1,200 cash stipend.	Upon successful completion of service, members receive a \$5,550 education award (amount equal to the Pell grant) to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans.

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STUDENT LOANS	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of their student loans during their term of service.	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of their student loans during their term of service.	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of their student loans during their term of service.
INSURANCE AND CHILD CARE	Full-time members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance.	Members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance. Members have the option of purchasing life insurance.	Members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance. (Children are not allowed to reside on campus with members.)
RELOCATION EXPENSES	Most programs do not pay for relocation.	Members who relocate over 50 miles to serve may be eligible for relocation assistance.	Members are provided with transportation to and from their campus at the beginning and end of their service, and to all project sites.
PROJECT LOCATIONS	Projects are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Search www.americorps.gov for a list of current program sites.	Projects are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Search www.americorps.gov for a list of current program sites.	Members are based on one of five campuses, located in Denver, CO; Perry Point, MD.; Sacramento, CA; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, IA. Teams will complete four to six different projects across their multi-state region.
TRAINING	Members receive pre-service orientation, in-service training, and end of service training as determined by each program.	Members attend a pre-service orientation, in-service training, and receive additional training as determined by each program.	Members receive training when they arrive on campus and during their service for specific projects. All members receive training in CPR, first aid, disaster relief, leadership, team building, and citizenship.
WHEN/HOW TO APPLY	Applications are accepted year-round. Apply at www.americorps.gov or call programs directly to inquire about opportunities.	Applications are accepted year-round. Apply at www.americorps.gov or call programs directly to inquire about opportunities.	Deadline for application are April 1 for the fall session and July 1 for the winter. Apply online at www.americorps.gov .
CONTACT	If you do not have access to the internet or would like an application packet, please call 800-942-2677 or 800-833-3722 (TTY).		