



The AmeriCorps Story



Get Things Done for America



What is AmeriCorps?

- **National Service Program
(Domestic Peace Corps)**

AmeriCorps Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2T_ooxo4IL4



AmeriCorps Brand





AmeriCorps

Rooted in America's Tradition of Service



1933: Civilian Conservation Corps

1961: Peace Corps

1964: VISTA

1993: The Corporation for National and Community Service
& AmeriCorps

2009: Serve America Act



Corporation for National and Community Service & AmeriCorps

The Corporation for National and Community Service is the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The Corporation administers three programs:

Senior Corps
AmeriCorps
Learn and Serve America



Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 



AmeriCorps Today

Three Programs



**AmeriCorps
State/National**

**AmeriCorps
VISTA**

**AmeriCorps
NCCC**



AmeriCorps *Fast Facts*

706,000 AmeriCorps members since 1994

860 Million Hours served by AmeriCorps members

\$2 Billion Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members

2.6 Million Volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in 2010

14,000 Number of nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations served by AmeriCorps members

\$7.2 Billion AmeriCorps funds invested in nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based groups since 1994



AmeriCorps Today

Meeting critical needs across America

1. **Teach and Tutor**
2. **Mentor Youth**
3. **Build homes**
4. **Fight poverty**
5. **Conserve the environment**
6. **Provide health services**
7. **Respond to disasters**
8. **Mobilize volunteers**
9. **Assist veterans**
10. *Much, much more...*





AmeriCorps State and National



- Largest branch of AmeriCorps
- About 74,000 members serve each year
- Members serve with more than 13,000 organizations
- Members address needs in education, environment, health, housing, disaster response and more
- Grantees include: national and local nonprofits, schools, and universities, public agencies, and Native American tribes
- Full-time and part-time opportunities



AmeriCorps is NOT

- A JOB
- A JOB'S PROGRAM
- An INTERNSHIP
- FREE LABOR
- A VOLUNTEER POSITION
- AN APPRENTICESHIP
- A GIG
- A STAFF POSITION



AmeriCorps IS...

- Service to our Nation by making a difference in communities from coast to coast.
- AmeriCorps members get things done for citizens in New Jersey as well as every state in the union!



Who Benefits from AmeriCorps? *We All Do*

Youth, Seniors, and Others In Need benefit from the tutoring, mentoring, health, housing, and other services members provide.

Communities benefit from having better schools, safer streets, more affordable housing, a cleaner environment, and more engaged citizens.

Organizations gain from having more reach and impact: 92% of sponsoring groups say members helped increase how many people they served to a large or moderate extent.

Members acquire leadership and career skills, earn money for college, and learn how to be active citizens.



What will I gain?



- ★ \$6,406 Stipend
- ★ \$2,775 Ed Award
- ★ Adventure
 - ★ Professional Development
 - ★ Service to community



AmeriCorps Benefits



AmeriCorps Benefits include:

- ☞ Living allowance
- ☞ Student loan deferment
- ☞ Training
- ☞ Segal AmeriCorps Education Award equal to the maximum amount of the Pell Grant that can be used to pay for college or pay back student loans. \$2,775 Ed Award.
- ☞ Benefits vary by program



Education Award

Education Award can be used in the following ways:

- Repay qualified existing or future federal student loans
- Pay all or part of cost of attending an institution of higher Education
- Pay expenses incurred while participating in an approved school-to-work program

Must be used at an institution or program that that has been approved by the US Dept. of Ed, for participation in Title IV programs.





Education Award cont.



- Earn up to the equivalent of 2 full time education awards
- Taxable upon use
- You have up to seven years to use your award
- Education Award can be used at more than one institution and can help pay more then one loan.
- Education Award can be used outside of the United States



AmeriCorps Alumni

Continuing Their Service and Commitment

Longitudinal studies show AmeriCorps alums:

- are more connected to their communities
- continue to participate in community activities
- choose public service careers at higher levels than their peers



Prohibited Activities

While you are clocked in...

While charging time to the AmeriCorps program, accumulating service or training hours, or otherwise performing activities supported by the AmeriCorps program or the Corporation, staff and members may not engage in the following activities:



Prohibited Activities

- (1) Attempting to influence legislation;
- (2) Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- (3) Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
- (4) Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;



Prohibited Activities

- 5) Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- (6) Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials;



Prohibited Activities

(7) Engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship, constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship, or engaging in any form of religious proselytization;



Prohibited Activities

- (8) Providing a direct benefit to—
- (i) A business organized for profit;
 - (ii) A labor union;
 - (iii) A partisan political organization;
 - (iv) A nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent participants from engaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and



Prohibited Activities

- (9) Conducting a voter registration drive or using Corporation funds to conduct a voter registration drive;
- (10) Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services; and
- (11) Such other activities as the Corporation may prohibit.



Prohibited Activities

To sum it up....no politics,
religion or
planned parenthood.



Prohibited Activities

(b) Individuals may exercise their rights as private citizens and may participate in the activities listed above on their initiative, on non-AmeriCorps time, and using non-Corporation funds. Individuals should not wear the AmeriCorps logo while doing so.