



## National Service Expands Opportunity for Americans

AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors build economic opportunity for those who serve and for the communities they serve. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers help Americans learn a wide range of “hard skills,” such as college degrees, professional experience, and industry-recognized certifications, and “soft skills,” such as the ability to lead, communicate, and think critically which employers seek. Our programs bridge the gap between these desired skills and the current state of resources and opportunities.



## What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.



## Using AmeriCorps to Build Economic Opportunity

In 2022, AmeriCorps invested more than \$109 million to support more than 13,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors serving in programming that improves the economic well-being and security of Americans in underserved communities.

### *Supporting Tax Relief*

AmeriCorps joined efforts across the Biden-Harris administration to connect individuals to American Rescue Plan tax benefits. AmeriCorps' programs, including VISTA, NCCC, and Seniors, activated the agency's networks to assist Americans with tax preparation, including the Child Tax Credit, to ensure all eligible families received their benefits. In 2022, more than \$14 million was returned to communities through more than 8,000 tax returns for more than 9,200 individuals.

### *Fighting Homelessness*

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers support programs focused on housing and homelessness in the nation. Through service, they provide emergency shelter and rapid rehousing and housing-related services to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, and access to affordable homeownership opportunities.

### *Preparing Americans for Success in the Workplace*

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers prepare Americans for their future. They help connect individuals to internet access and digital literacy by distributing computers/tablets, providing families with digital literacy classes, and teaching core computer and internet skills.

## Expanding Opportunity for those who Serve with AmeriCorps

### *Education Award*

After successful completion of service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for qualified educational costs. Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have earned education awards totaling more than \$4.5 billion.



### *Employment Opportunities*

AmeriCorps members who complete a full year of service in the VISTA program receive one year of non-competitive eligibility status. This status allows AmeriCorps alumni to apply for federal jobs without going through the standard public competitive selection process.

