



SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

	All AmeriCorps Programs (Over 500 separate programs)	AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)	AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
PROGRAM FOCUS	Members serve both in teams and individually through national and community-based private and public organizations. Members help solve community problems through direct and indirect service, in the areas of education, public safety, the environment, and other human needs, such as health and housing.	Members serve through private organizations and public nonprofit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty—such as public health education, the environment, public safety, and employment—by developing and mobilizing resources that create long-term sustainable benefits at a community level.	Members live in a campus environment and serve in teams to complete a variety of service projects in the areas of environmental conservation, education, public safety, and other community needs. Members often travel to projects throughout their region.
ELIGIBILITY	Applicants must be at least 17 years old and a U.S. citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien of the U.S. The upper age limit varies among programs.	Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien of the U.S. There is no upper age limit.	Members must be 18 to 24 years old while they serve and a U.S. citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien of the U.S.
SKILL REQUIREMENTS	All skill levels are needed.	A bachelor's degree or three years of related volunteer/job experience is preferred.	All skill levels are needed.
TERM OF SERVICE	Full-time for one year. (Some part-time service opportunities are available.)	Full-time for one year. (No part-time service opportunities available.)	Full-time for ten months. (No part-time service opportunities available.)
LIVING ALLOWANCE	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.	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 meals from their living allowance.	Members are responsible for covering their own housing and meals from their living allowance.	Members are provided with housing and meals and live in dormitory-style housing on one of five campuses.
EDUCATION AWARD/ STIPEND	Upon completion of service, members receive a \$4,725 education award, in the form of a voucher.	Upon completion of service, members have a choice of a \$4,725 education award, in the form of a voucher, or a \$1,200 cash stipend.	Upon completion of service, members receive a \$4,725 education award, in the form of a voucher.

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STUDENT LOANS	Members may qualify for postponement, or forbearance, of the repayment of their student loans during their term of service. The \$4,725 education award can be used to help either pay off qualified student loans or pay for future education expenses at qualified schools.	Members may qualify for postponement, or forbearance, of the repayment of their student loans during their term of service. The \$4,725 education award can be used to help either pay off qualified student loans or pay for future education expenses at qualified schools.	Members may qualify for postponement, or forbearance, of the repayment of their student loans during their term of service. The \$4,725 education award can be used to help either pay off qualified student loans or pay for future education expenses at qualified schools.
INSURANCE AND CHILD CARE	Members receive health insurance and may qualify for child care assistance.	Members receive health insurance and may qualify for child care assistance. Members have the option of purchasing life insurance.	Members receive health insurance, as well as some assistance with off-campus child care expenses. (Children are not allowed to reside on campus with members.)
RELOCATION EXPENSES	Most programs do not pay for members' relocation expenses.	Members who move in order to serve receive an allowance to assist with relocation expenses.	Members are provided with transportation to and from their campus.
PROJECT LOCATIONS	Projects are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.	Projects are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.	Members live on one of five campuses, located in Charleston, S.C; Denver, Colo.; Perry Point, Md.; San Diego, Calif.; and Washington, D.C.
TRAINING	Members receive pre-service, in-service, and close-of-service training as determined by the program.	Members attend a three-day orientation before starting a project, then receive additional training at their project as needed.	Members receive training when they arrive on campus and during their service for specific projects.
WHEN/HOW TO APPLY	Apply directly to each program in which you have an interest in serving. Visit the AmeriCorps website (www.americorps.org) for program listings by state.	Applications are accepted year-round. Most positions are available between June and August. Send application four months prior to availability for service to: AmeriCorps*VISTA Recruitment 1201 New York Avenue, N.W. 8th Floor Washington, DC 20525	AmeriCorps*NCCC applicants are accepted in the winter/spring for the fall class. Send application to: AmeriCorps*NCCC Recruitment 1201 New York Avenue, N.W. 8th Floor Washington, DC 20525
CONTACT	For an application, call: 1-800-942-2677 TDD 800-833-3722 For a listing of programs, visit www.americorps.org	For more information and an application, call: 1-800-942-2677 TDD 800-833-3722 www.americorps.org	For more information and an application, call: 1-800-942-2677 TDD 800-833-3722 www.americorps.org