



AMERICORPS SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

	AmeriCorps State & National	AmeriCorps VISTA	AmeriCorps NCCC	AmeriCorps NCCC FEMA Corps
Room & Board	In most cases, members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses.	In most cases, members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses.	Members are provided with housing/meals and live in residence hall-style housing while on one of five campuses. Housing on projects is provided; accommodations vary.	Members are provided with housing/meals and live in residence hall-style housing while on one of five campuses. Housing on projects is provided; accommodations vary.
Education Award/Stipend	Upon successful completion of service, full-time members receive almost \$6,000 education award (or amount equal to the Pell grant) to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. Part-time members receive a prorated education award.	Upon successful completion of service, members have a choice of almost \$6,000 education award (or amount equal to the Pell grant) to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans or can opt for a \$1,500 cash stipend.	Upon successful completion of service, members receive almost \$6,000 education award (or amount equal to the Pell grant) to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans.	Upon successful completion of service, members receive almost \$6,000 education award (or amount equal to the Pell grant) to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans.
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.	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of their student loans during their term of service.
Insurance and Childcare	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 or on projects with members.)	Members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance. (Children are not allowed to reside on campus or on projects 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 service. <i>Team leaders</i> receive \$250 relocation assistance at the beginning and end of a successful term of service.	Members are provided with transportation to and from their campus at the beginning and end of service. <i>Team leaders</i> receive \$250 relocation assistance at the beginning and end of a successful term of service.
Training	Members receive pre-service orientation, in-service training, and end-of-service training as determined by each program.	Members attend a 3-day pre-service orientation, in-service training, and receive additional training as determined by each program.	Members receive training on campus and during service for specific projects. All members receive training in CPR, first aid, disaster relief, leadership, and team building.	Members receive NCCC training when they arrive on campus followed by FEMA-specific training in one or more emergency management-related areas.
When To Apply	Applications are accepted year-round and deadlines depend on program.	Applications are accepted year-round and deadlines depend on position.	Corps Member application deadlines: July 1 (fall start), April 1 (summer start) and Nov. 1 (winter start). <i>Team leader</i> application deadlines are one month prior to deadlines above.	Corps Member application deadlines: April 1 (summer start) and Nov. 1 (winter start). <i>Team leader</i> application deadlines March 1 (summer start) and Oct. 1 (winter start).



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Program Focus	Members serve either in groups or individually at local community-based private and public organizations, such as nonprofits, faith-based institutions, schools and universities, public agencies, and Native American tribes. Members solve problems primarily through direct service. Service areas include education, public safety, health, and the environment.	Members serve through private organizations and public nonprofit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty – such as fighting illiteracy, improving health services, and fostering economic development– by developing and mobilizing resources that create long-term sustainable benefits at a community level. VISTA members focus on capacity-building opportunities such as fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and designing sustainable programs.	Members live communally and travel throughout one of five regions of the country, serving in teams to meet community needs in the areas of natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Projects consist of hands-on service with nonprofit organizations, state and local agencies, and other community groups. Projects generally last 6-13 weeks; Each service year may consist of 3-6 projects.	FEMA Corps is a track under AmeriCorps NCCC developed in partnership with FEMA and CNCS. FEMA Corps members receive focus solely on administrative and logistical support on emergency management and long-term recovery activities within FEMA. This may include: canvassing communities, developing disaster preparation materials, compiling data and reports, tracking inventory, and setting up shelter operations. Project lengths and locations are disaster-dependent.
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.	Applicants must be 18 to 24 years old and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. The team leader position has no maximum age requirement.	Applicants must be 18 to 24 years and a U.S. citizen. The team leader position has no maximum age requirement. Credit checks are conducted.
Skills Needed	All skill levels are needed.	All skill levels are needed. Bachelor's degree or three years of related volunteer/job experience preferred.	All skill levels are needed.	All skill levels are needed.
Term of Service	Full-time for 3 months to 1 year. Part-time opportunities are available of various durations depending on the program.	Full-time one year. Occasional part-time opportunities available during the summer.	Full-time for 10 months (corps member) or 11 months (team leader). 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/ Stipend	Most programs provide a modest living allowance.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly. The total amount is \$4,000 for corps members and \$12,500 for team leaders.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly. The total amount is \$4,000 for corps members and \$12,500 for team leaders.
Program 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 are based out of one of five campuses, located in Denver, CO; Baltimore, MD; Sacramento, CA; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, IA. Projects are conducted throughout a multi-state region.	Members are based out of one of NCCC's campuses. Project locations are disaster-dependent.

For more information or to apply, go to americorps.gov/ or servewisconsin.wi.gov/
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