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GREATER
GOOD**



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WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

AmeriCorps is an opportunity for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to get things done. No matter what you're passionate about, where you're from, or why you choose to serve, AmeriCorps is your chance to **be the greater good.**

1 MILLION STRONG

Each year, 75,000 individuals volunteer with AmeriCorps, joining a network of more than 1 million civic-minded leaders.



YOUR AMERICORPS EXPERIENCE

There are thousands of opportunities to serve in AmeriCorps, each with different time commitments and requirements. Find an AmeriCorps position that is right for you. It will change your life and, more importantly, you will make a lasting impact in the community you serve.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can play a vital role in tackling some of our nation's most-pressing challenges. Serve in your hometown, or choose from a variety of locations across the country where you can make a difference.

ADVANCE LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Immerse yourself in projects that respond to community needs. You will serve hand-in-hand with organizations improving the lives of people and creating change that lasts.

TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Serve and bring out the leader in you. Realize your potential and explore a future career. Develop real-world skills employers want, earn money for college, and do more than you ever thought possible.

PICK YOUR PASSION

AmeriCorps is a network that connects you to a nonprofit, faith-based, or public organization advancing a cause you care about. There are three programs that offer different paths to national service: AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC. No matter which path you choose, here are the ways you can make an impact:



Education

Be the one who greets students each day, mentor them to higher academic achievement, and keep them on track to graduate. Inspire creativity with STEM and robotics programs, or design cost-effective solutions that support teachers and tutors.



Economic Opportunity

Build community and family stability. Increase access to college, build and rehabilitate affordable housing, provide financial literacy training, or connect people to jobs.



Veterans & Military Families

Extend a robust thank you to veterans and military families. Connect them to benefits, job resources, education options, and a welcoming community that understands the value of their service.



Disaster Services

Be among the first to respond when disaster strikes, or help rebuild in the months following. Assist disaster survivors, and act as a force multiplier for other organizations on the ground.



Healthy Futures

Promote health and wellness. Combat the growing opioid crisis, bridge the gap between individuals and health services, and tackle food insecurity by building gardens and harvesting food for local families.



Environmental Stewardship

Get outdoors and restore public lands, or bring environmental stewardship to classrooms. Elevate the importance of conservation at the local, state, and national levels.

Want to learn more from someone who has served?
Search **#MadeInAmeriCorps** stories on social media.

HOW IT WORKS

Customize your AmeriCorps experience.



CHOOSE LENGTH

AmeriCorps members typically serve for 10-12 months, with options for shorter terms or summer positions.



CHOOSE LOCATION

Apply for service opportunities in your own community or pick from a list of locations across the country.



PICK YOUR PASSION

Search for organizations that advance causes you care about. Choose from thousands of opportunities.



MATCH WITH AN ORGANIZATION

If selected, you'll serve with a partnering nonprofit organization or agency.



MAKE AN IMPACT

Serve with communities to create effective and sustainable change.

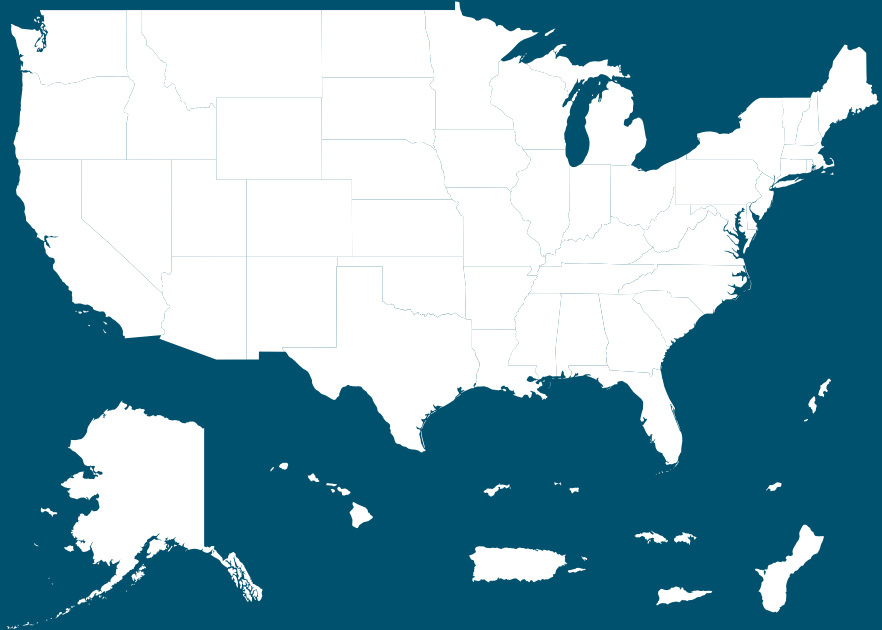


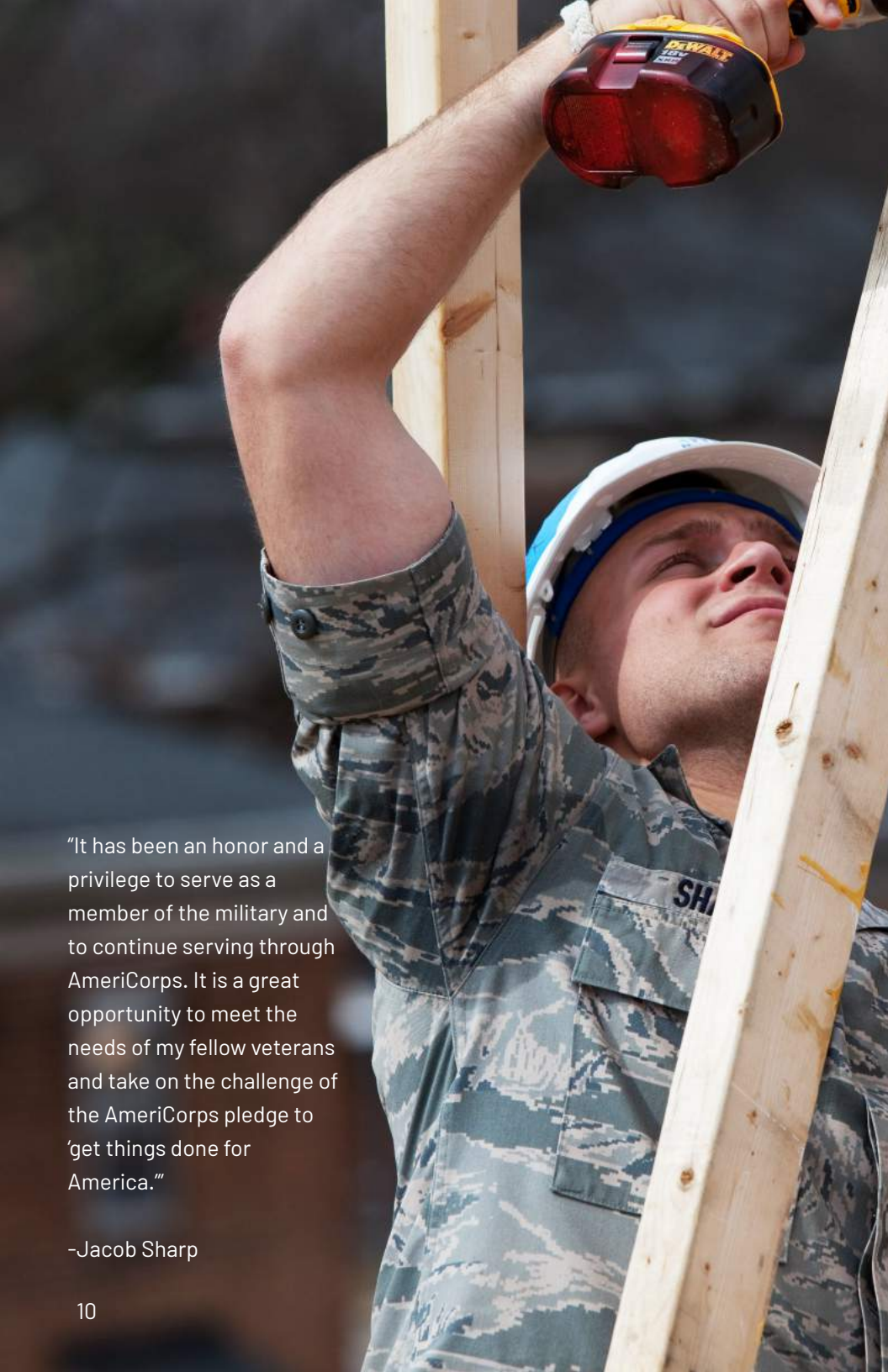
GAIN A PROFESSIONAL EDGE

Gain professional skills, earn money to support your education, or discover a new career field.



AMERICORPS WILL SEND
75,000 VOLUNTEERS TO
ONE COUNTRY THIS YEAR...





"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a member of the military and to continue serving through AmeriCorps. It is a great opportunity to meet the needs of my fellow veterans and take on the challenge of the AmeriCorps pledge to 'get things done for America.'"

-Jacob Sharp

BENEFITS

During and After Service

Living Allowance

Receive a modest living allowance to cover basic expenses during your service term.

Money for College and Trade School

The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award is offered to individuals who complete a term of service and can be used to pay for a range of educational expenses, like repaying qualified student loans or future tuition payments. You can earn up to two full Education Awards with multiple service terms.

Loan Deferment and Interest Forbearance

Individuals in approved AmeriCorps positions are eligible for forbearance for most federally-guaranteed student loans. In addition, interest payments that accrue during service may be eligible for repayment by AmeriCorps.

Professional Development

Jump-start your career and gain transferable skills employers value including leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. Once you complete your service, leverage the Employers of National Service network, which connects you with hundreds of employers from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors who are committed to hiring alumni.

Alumni Network

Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities. AmeriCorps alumni receive access to special benefits and resources. For example, many colleges and universities match the Education Award and offer additional AmeriCorps scholarships.

Q&A

How old do I need to be to participate?

The minimum age requirement for most programs is 18. However, some accept applications from 16-17-year-olds.

While a few programs are designed specifically for young adults, the majority of our programs have no upper age limit.

Will I get paid?

Yes, in most cases you will receive a modest living allowance throughout your service term.

What about housing?

Housing accommodations vary across the different opportunities that are available to you. Some are residential, and others do not provide housing so you can live wherever you would like.

Do I need a degree?

You do not need a college degree to serve. If you don't have a high school diploma, you may still be eligible to serve.

What skills do I need to apply?

Most programs look for people with the passion to be part of the greater good. Some programs list desired skills, others look for applicants with specific education, volunteer, or job experience.

Will my race, sexual orientation, or disability affect my application?

We are committed to the idea that everyone can serve.

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to learn about our differences while working toward a common goal.

We strive to create an inclusive environment and offer reasonable accommodations for applicants with disabilities.

What additional benefits are provided?

Some of our programs provide health care benefits or a stipend to purchase healthcare. You may also be eligible to receive a childcare benefit if you have children under the age of 13.

Will there be any training before I begin my service?

You will receive training at the beginning of your service, as well as project-specific training during service.

Is AmeriCorps just for young people?

No, AmeriCorps values the experience of older Americans. Whether you want a career change or have just retired, it's never too late to serve.

You can also check out opportunities specifically for individuals 55 and older through our Senior Corps programs at seniorcorps.gov.






AMERICORPS STATE & NATIONAL

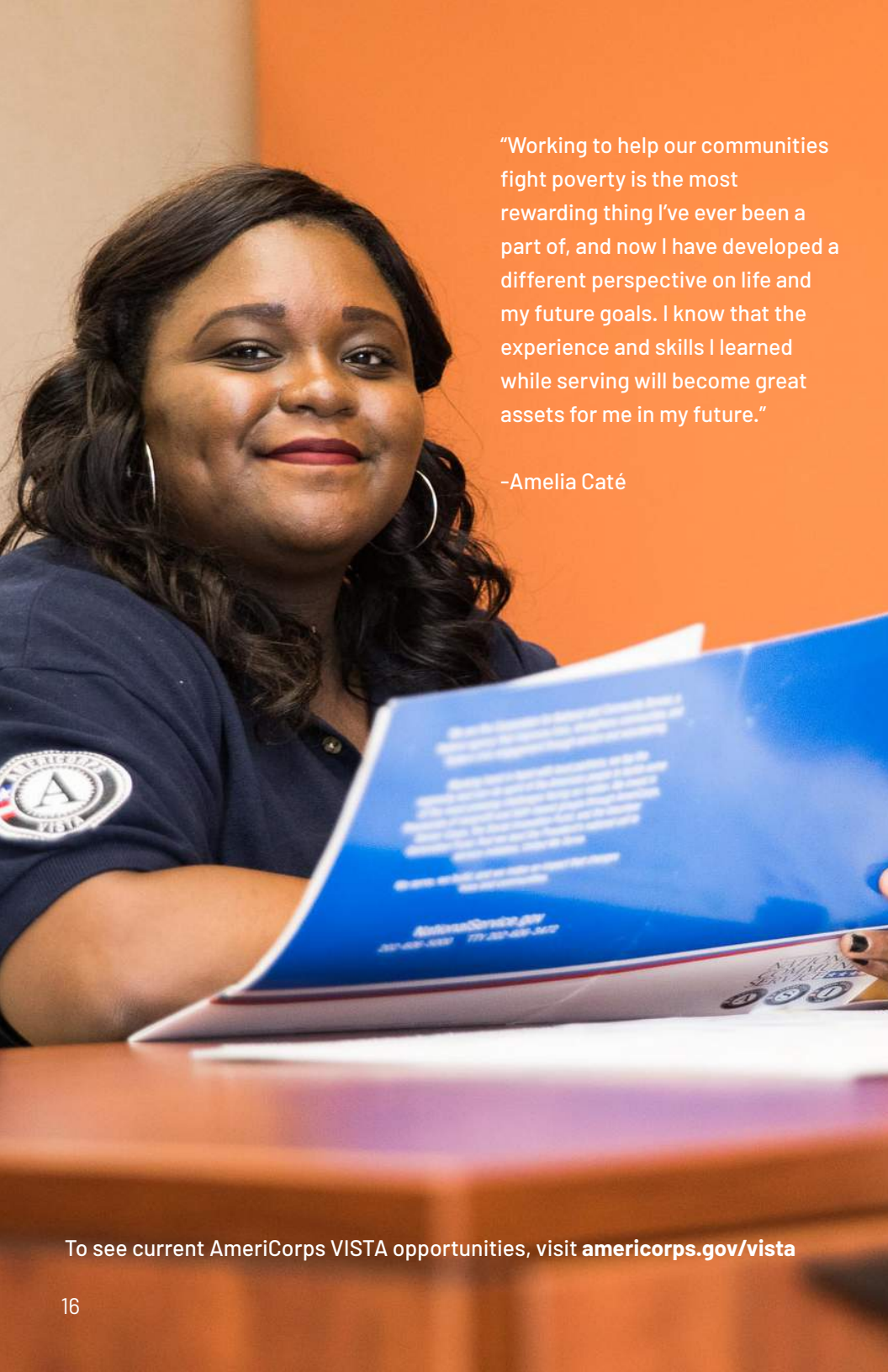
The AmeriCorps State & National network makes up the majority of service opportunities available to you. It is the matchmaker of national service. Select from hundreds of organizations that see service as a solution to local, regional, and national challenges.

"I serve because I believe education is the key to liberty. I serve to make a difference and hopefully inspire youth to become active participants in the fight for equality. I serve because I believe in the power of people to create change."

-Marissa Smith



Put yourself in an environment that propels your personal development, opens up diverse career paths, and promotes lifelong civic engagement. From the classroom, to the outdoors, and everything in between, AmeriCorps is the catalyst that connects you to your passion.



"Working to help our communities fight poverty is the most rewarding thing I've ever been a part of, and now I have developed a different perspective on life and my future goals. I know that the experience and skills I learned while serving will become great assets for me in my future."

-Amelia Caté

To see current AmeriCorps VISTA opportunities, visit americorps.gov/vista

A hand holding a blue folder against an orange background.

AMERICORPS VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA members bring passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that fight poverty. Serve as an agent for change, living and working alongside community leaders to meet our nation's most pressing challenges and advance local solutions. You will serve in a nonprofit or local government agency gaining experience and leadership skills that will set you up for a life of service in the public or private sector.

ANTI-POVERTY FOCUS

You will learn poverty is anything but simple. Use your courage and creativity to address poverty in your hometown or another location of your choice.

PROFESSIONAL SETTING

Help organizations carry out their mission through fundraising, grant writing, volunteer recruitment, and so much more. Serve in an office setting and expand an organization's capacity to make change.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL JOBS

Upon successful completion of your service, you will earn non-competitive eligibility, a hiring status that fast tracks you to federal employment.

AMERICORPS NCCC

Live with a team of young adults from around the country, embark on an adventure, and build your resume along the way. AmeriCorps NCCC members strengthen communities and develop leadership skills through direct, team-based service. Whether clearing trails for a national park or building homes for families in need, you'll engage in a variety of projects and have a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



TEAM BASED

You will serve on a diverse team made up of 18-24-year-olds. In addition to gaining invaluable experience, you will grow as a leader, learn teamwork, and develop meaningful friendships.

HOUSING PROVIDED

AmeriCorps NCCC has the unique benefit of providing members with housing. You'll also receive a modest living allowance, meals, and transportation.

TRAVEL THE COUNTRY

After completing training at an NCCC campus, you and your team will be deployed to serve on a variety of short-term projects in communities throughout the United States.



"It was the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life. I was worried it would somehow set me back, but instead it propelled me forward. I was looking for an adventure and a chance to help others, and AmeriCorps NCCC delivered."

– Corbin McKeller

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Brad Winckelmann

AMERICORPS NCCC **FEMA CORPS**

Get the team experience and adventure of AmeriCorps NCCC with intense professional development. As a FEMA Corps member, you will serve under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), conducting administrative tasks in an office setting, going door-to-door to help disaster survivors apply for assistance, or helping organizations that respond to disasters.



"I was able to test out different roles and develop a sense of what I'm passionate about. It's unlikely a first job out of college would have given me the same direction as my FEMA Corps experience. The life skills I developed through AmeriCorps built the foundation for who I am as a person and ultimately launched my career."

– Dina Manco

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

As a FEMA Corps member, you will be provided housing, receive a living allowance, and be deployed with your team wherever the need is greatest. FEMA Corps can help you launch a career in the federal government or pursue other career paths in emergency management.



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Rebecca Figueras

PICK YOUR PATH

Use this chart to compare different paths to service. While each program has unique elements, all paths lead to the greater good.

AMERICORPS STATE & NATIONAL	
LOCATION	Serve in one location
AGE REQUIREMENT	17 years old, no upper age limit
LENGTH OF SERVICE	Varies
AVAILABLE POSITIONS	65,000 positions each year
STRUCTURE	Choose an organization
SERVICE SETTING	Choose a service environment
EDUCATION AWARD	Yes
LIVING ALLOWANCE	Yes
RELOCATION ALLOWANCE	No
HOUSING PROVIDED	No
CAREER BENEFITS	Professional development

AMERICORPS VISTA	AMERICORPS NCCC	AMERICORPS NCCC FEMA CORPS
Serve in one location	Travel regionally	Travel nationally
18 years old, no upper age limit	18-24, no upper age limit for team leaders	18-24, no upper age limit for team leaders
12 months or summer positions	10 months 11 months for team leaders	12 months
8,000 positions each year	1,200 positions each year	1,000 positions each year
Choose an organization fighting poverty	Assigned to a variety of organizations	Assigned to projects identified by FEMA
Serve in a nonprofit office	Complete physically demanding hands-on projects	Serve in a government office or field setting
Yes or end-of-service stipend	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	Yes	Yes
Non-competitive eligibility for government jobs	Build hard and soft job skills	Fast track to FEMA employment

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Create a profile on the MyAmeriCorps portal at my.americorps.gov.
- 2 Research and make note of listings that interest you.
- 3 Complete the AmeriCorps common application.

Note: *Some listings will link directly to an organization's website where an external application will need to be completed, rather than the AmeriCorps common application.*

- 4 Submit your AmeriCorps common application to up to 10 listings that interest you.
- 5 The organizations you applied to will reach out to you directly if they are interested in your application. You may also call the number on the listing for a status update.
- 6 The interview and hiring process varies depending on the service opportunity. Reach out to each organization or program for more information.

Q&A

How long will the application take me?

The profile and common application on the MyAmeriCorps portal can be completed in under two hours. It is easier to complete if you have a current resume handy.

When should I apply?

The ideal time to apply is 4–6 months before your desired start date. You will find application deadlines on each AmeriCorps listing.

Can I apply to multiple listings?

Yes, in fact, we recommend it. You can submit your common application to a maximum of 10 listings on the MyAmeriCorps portal. This does not include any applications you submit outside the MyAmeriCorps portal.

What does the application include?

The AmeriCorps common application asks for your contact information, a motivational statement, a list of skills, and references.

NEED HELP?

If you have questions concerning your application or about your options to serve, call the National Service Hotline at 1-800-942-2677.

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Your adventure begins now.

Apply at joinamericorps.gov

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