

AMERICORPS: BE THE GREATER GOOD

This national service program (federal) is dedicated to building young leaders, serving disadvantaged communities, increasing job skills, and providing opportunities to earn money for education. Additionally, a high school diploma or GED is not required to participate in AmeriCorps, making it an excellent option for students that have dropped out of school. AmeriCorps works to meet the needs of each individual in terms of education and training, including those with low reading and math skills. For those already enrolled in a college/technical school, most award college credits for internship/co-op experience for their months of service.

BENEFITS:

- Leadership Skills, Job Training, Educational Award (Equivalent to current Pell Grant)**
- Housing and Travel Provided**
- Living Allowance Stipend, Healthcare Benefits**
- Student Loan Deferment**
- Support and Serve American Communities**
- Build Lifelong Friendships**
- 10 month Commitment= Big Rewards!**

Through AmeriCorps, young adults are assigned to non-profits, government agencies, institutions, and community-based organizations. In exchange for their 10 months of service, students receive money for college or to pay off existing student loans (equal to current Pell Grant), student loan deferment, living allowances, health benefits, and new job skills. AmeriCorps offers two Federal programs for 18 to 24 year olds including the NCCC Traditional Corps (Civilian Conservation Corps) and the FEMA Corps, which is focused on response to natural disasters. Additionally, for those 18 and over with existing leadership skills (no upper age restriction) there is a Team Leader option for NCCC and FEMA. Team Leaders manage groups of 10 to 12 young adults. All programs are open to citizens of any U.S. state or territory.

NCCC	FEMA CORPS
<p>National Civilian Community Corps partners with local and federal organizations to complete hands-on service projects throughout the United States. Projects address one or more of the identified issue areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Natural and Other Disasters ⊙ Infrastructure Improvement ⊙ Environmental Stewardship and Conservation ⊙ Energy Conservation, Urban and Rural Development <p>Examples of Traditional Corps team projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Filling and placing sandbags in local communities to mitigate the impact of natural disasters like flooding ⊙ Educating citizens on sustainability and energy conservation practices ⊙ Constructing or repairing hiking trails in parks ⊙ Removing exotic vegetation and planting new trees ⊙ Assisting veterans, homeless and senior citizen populations ⊙ Constructing and rehabilitating low-income housing <p>Project sponsors include national, community and faith-based nonprofit organizations, municipal and state governments, federal agencies, parks and schools. National partners include American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and U.S. Forest Service.</p>	<p>In an effort to strengthen the federal government's disaster preparedness and response, AmeriCorps NCCC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered to create FEMA Corps. FEMA Corps teams train and complete projects related to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Projects settings are diverse and can include active disaster areas, recovery sites and FEMA regional offices. Teams serve on a variety of projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Training the public on disaster preparedness ⊙ Planning evacuation routes and recovery plans for potential disasters ⊙ Compiling reports, managing and analyzing data ⊙ Working with nonprofits and government agencies to coordinate services for disaster survivors ⊙ Preparing disaster kits, tracking inventory and loading supplies in FEMA warehouses ⊙ Writing federal grants for damaged public facilities

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