Discover
What The Corps Network Can Offer Your Organization
Strengthening America through Service and Conservation for 35 years
Join The Corps Network

By joining The Corps Network, you become part of a national movement to advance conservation and service programs that improve communities and impact the lives of young people. The Corps Network can help you develop quality programs and reach more people. When you join, your organization gains:

**A Voice in Washington, DC**
The Corps Network promotes legislation and seeks funding opportunities that benefit Corps.

**Opportunities**
Gain access to grants and project opportunities. Leverage The Corps Network’s partnerships and agreements with national organizations and federal agencies.

**Benefits for the Young People You Serve**
Utilize The Corps Network’s health insurance plan, specifically designed for AmeriCorps members and other service year participants. Enroll your participants in The Corps Network’s AmeriCorps Education Award program.

**Information and Assistance**
Gain access to our resource library; receive our weekly newsletter; reach out to knowledgeable staff.

**A Community**
Network with like-minded professionals through our coalitions. Receive discounted registration to The Corps Network’s annual National Conference.
Membership Categories

**Full Member**
- Service and Conservation Corps
- Individual Placement Program
- Emerging Corps

**Affiliate Member**

**AmeriCorps Basic Member**

All three of these types of programs fall under the Full Member category. See note at bottom.

Full Member

**Definition**

**Service and Conservation Corps**
Any unit of government or any private or quasi-public, not-for-profit organization operating a crew-based Service or Conservation Corps. The Corps Network defines a Corps as a comprehensive youth development and service program that engages young people in crew-based service to their community.

**Individual Placement Program**
Any unit of government or any private or quasi-public, not-for-profit organization operating an Individual Placement Program with a conservation or environmental focus.

**Emerging Corps**
Any youth program that is in the process of developing a Service and Conservation Corps program, but has yet to fulfill all five membership criteria. Programs are only permitted to remain in the Emerging Corps category for two consecutive fiscal years.

**Membership Criteria**
Emerging Corps do not need to meet all criteria, but must have an action plan to do so

- a. Engage Corpsmembers between the ages of 16 to 25.
- b. Organize their Corpsmembers in crews or teams and assign a supervisor to serve as a mentor and role model, OR, organize individual Corpsmembers in a cohort model and promote esprit de corps through intentional efforts to create shared experience among members.
- c. Have a defined program model that provides growth opportunities to its Corpsmembers through a combination of intentional development activities that include education/training, career readiness, and supportive services.
- d. Have a defined period of full-time service for their Corpsmembers that is either paid or provides a stipend/living allowance.
- e. Have, as a central element of their mission, the goal to provide service to the community.

**Application Process**

1. Candidate organization completes Full Member Application.
2. The Corps Network staff reviews application and provides recommendation to The Corps Network’s Corps Council based on criteria above.
3. Corps Council gives final approval for membership.

*A Note on Full Membership*: An organization can be both a Service and Conservation Corps and an Individual Placement Program if they operate both crew-based and individual placement programs.
Affiliate Member

Definition
Any organization that is interested in promoting, assisting and/or operating programs similar to Service and Conservation Corps, or interested in providing satellite sites or subgrantees access to The Corps Network’s Health Plan.

Membership Criteria
No membership criteria. Organizations must complete Affiliate Member application and pay membership dues. The Affiliate Member category includes, but is not limited to:
- National Non-Profits
- State Service Commissions
- Government Agencies
- Regional Corps Associations

Application Process
Submit Affiliate Member application, which is then reviewed by The Corps Network staff.

AmeriCorps Basic Member

Definition
Any AmeriCorps program interested in using The Corps Network’s AmeriCorps member Health Plan. This includes satellite offices and subgrantees of Affiliate Member organizations of The Corps Network.

Membership Criteria
No membership criteria. Organizations must complete AmeriCorps Basic Member application and pay membership dues.

NOTE: Dues waived for organizations that are subgrantees of an existing Affiliate Member of The Corps Network (e.g. a State Service Commission, national nonprofit, etc.)

More information about The Corps Network Health Plan can be found on our website.

Application Process
Submit AmeriCorps Basic Member application, which is approved once dues are received.
Join us in 2020 to celebrate 35 years
Benefits Breakdown by Membership Level

Details about benefits can be found at: corpsnetwork.org/member-benefits

- ✓ benefit included
- ✗ benefit provided on a case-by-case basis

### Benefits for Corpsmembers

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<td>AmeriCorps Education Awards Program</td>
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<td>Eligible for Cigna health insurance for Corpsmembers</td>
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<td>Eligible for training opportunities through national partnerships</td>
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### Networking | Technical Assistance | Resources

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<td>National Conference (discounted registration)</td>
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<td>Webinars and trainings specific to Corps operations and governance</td>
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<td>Eligible to sit on / vote for the Corps Council</td>
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<td>Representation on national coalitions related to Corps’ interests</td>
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### Programs | Grants | Funding Opportunities

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<td>Cooperative agreements and contract technical assistance (SF-424s / Task Agreements)</td>
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<td>Public speaking opportunities for your Corpsmembers and staff</td>
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**Benefits for Corpsmembers**

*Give your Corpsmembers access to health insurance, AmeriCorps Education Awards, and training opportunities.*

- >5,000 young people were enrolled in The Corps Network Health Plan in 2019.
- Corpsmembers in The Corps Network’s AmeriCorps programs had the opportunity to earn over $6 million in Education Awards in 2019.
- In 2019, as part of The Corps Network’s Moving Forward Initiative, Corps were selected to participate in the Corpsmember Liberation and Leadership workshop – an empowering experience designed to help Corpsmembers build confidence as changemakers and thought-leaders.

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**Networking, Technical Assistance, Resources**

*Access our resource library; network with fellow professionals in the Corps community; receive assistance from our knowledgeable staff.*

Over a dozen Corps participated in The Corps Network’s Accreditation process in 2019. The process involves a site visit as well as a thorough assessment of the Corps’ administrative documents and policies. Accreditation promotes excellence in the Corps community and provides external validation of a Corps’ abilities.

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**Advocacy**

*Have a voice in Washington, DC.*

The 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act was signed into law in 2019. This legislation will increase federal investment in Corps and help create more opportunities for young people to serve. The Corps Network helped bring this bill across the finish line through coordinating nationwide call-ins, partnering with likeminded organizations, and hosting countless meetings with Congressional offices and Administration officials.

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**Programs, Grants, Funding**

*Gain access to grant opportunities and use The Corps Network’s national agreements to build partnerships on the local level.*

The Corps Network signed a national cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2019, giving Corps expanded access to project opportunities on USFWS properties. Every year, Corps utilize The Corps Network’s national agreements to build partnerships with nearby federal lands. For instance, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps–Colorado used The Corps Network’s agreement with the National Park Service for a number of projects in 2019, including a partnership to engage a 10-person crew in trail improvement and wildfire mitigation work at Rocky Mountain National Park.

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**Communications**

*Enjoy our weekly newsletter and opportunities to have your Corps showcased on a national level through The Corps Network’s award programs, social media platforms, and other venues.*

Jasmine Poole won the 2019 Corpsmember of the Year Award, giving her the chance to speak about her Corps experience in front of hundreds of decisionmakers in Washington, DC. This opportunity landed Jasmine an internship on Capitol Hill.
Annual Dues

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<th>Membership Level</th>
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<td>Service and Conservation Corps and Individual Placement Program</td>
<td>Starts at $1,345 (based on annual operating budget)</td>
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<td>$830</td>
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<td>AmeriCorps Basic Member</td>
<td>$335</td>
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Optional Add-On: Membership in the Public Lands Service Coalition (PLSC)

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<td>Steering Committee Member (Budget up to $2 million)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Steering Committee Member (Budget over $2 million)</td>
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Join Today!

To learn more information about Membership in The Corps Network, or to get started on your application, please contact:

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About The Corps Network

The Corps Network, the national association of Service and Conservation Corps, provides leadership and support to over 130 Corps across the United States. Through advocacy, and providing access to funding opportunities and expert guidance, The Corps Network annually enables more than 25,000 Corpsmembers to strengthen communities, improve the environment and transform their lives through service. To learn more, please visit [www.corpsnetwork.org](http://www.corpsnetwork.org).
Credits

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Row 4: Green City Force, Texas Conservation Corps, Southwest Conservation Corps

Thank You
We appreciate our members