



AmeriCorps



The Corps Network

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Program Year: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025
Application Deadline: December 7, 2023
To Apply: [Click here to apply.](#)
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AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Education Award Program (EAP)

AmeriCorps EAP members (average age 16-25 or 35 for veterans) will complete Environmental Stewardship projects in hundreds of communities across the country.

EAP members will treat/improve thousands of acres of public lands and miles of trails and waterways as well as perform disaster mitigation, preparedness and response, as well as recycling, GIS/mapping, environmental education and more. In addition, we hope that you will consider recruiting more Opportunity Youth and provide all members with educational (including certifications) and economic opportunities designed to lead to jobs and careers. There is no AmeriCorps funding for this program, only the education award for members who successfully complete their term of service.

Please note that EAP Subgrantees are not required to provide a AmeriCorps living allowance, but if an AmeriCorps living allowance is provided, they must comply with the minimum and maximum requirements set forth in the Living Allowance Table shown in this document.

Performance Measures: EN3, EN4, EN5
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Opportunity Youth Service Initiative (OYSI)

The Corps Network seeks applications for its Opportunity Youth Service Initiative. Corps programs with demonstrated experience serving opportunity youth are encouraged to apply.

The primary goal of this initiative is to demonstrate the effectiveness of national service programs to improving all aspects of community health: environmental sustainability, youth and personal development, community leadership, and academic and economic prosperity. To do this, we believe Corps must do the intentional work of recruiting and serving opportunity youth and build program and community capacity to meet their robust and varied needs. Additionally, we have learned that opportunity youth may transition in and out of employment, education, and economic hardship at various points in their engagement with Corps as a member and as alumni. As a result, increased capacity of all Corps to truly serve and meet the needs of these young people has the potential to grow the Corps movement and meet our joint goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

This iteration of the Opportunity Youth Service Initiative will continue to focus on the engagement of opportunity youth. However, it will also welcome the service of young people who may need supports in specific areas be it education, employment, or technical and employability skill development. All Corps participating in the Opportunity Youth Service Initiative will receive training and technical assistance to build capacity for stronger workforce development activities.

Engaging opportunity youth in national service as AmeriCorps members through the Opportunity Youth Service Initiative (OYSI) has proven to be a viable strategy for addressing these critical needs while simultaneously expanding economic opportunity for members. Since 2016, The Corps Network's member Corps have engaged more than 3,000 youth and young adults through this program. Many Opportunity Youth Service Initiative AmeriCorps members were economically disadvantaged and lacked a high school credential upon enrollment in the program. Armed with relevant work experience, industry-recognized credentials, wrap-around services and supportive adults, these same AmeriCorps members are now gainfully employed with many pursuing postsecondary education. Collectively, these AmeriCorps members have improved over 8,000 acres of public lands and 900 miles of trails and waterways and have improved hundreds of low-income households through home repair, retrofitting, and energy audits.

The Corps Network will continue its Opportunity Youth Service Initiative to build upon the program's prior success at addressing three critical needs: restoring and conserving our nation's public lands, improving our waterways, and increasing home energy efficiency. Additionally, the Opportunity Youth Service Initiative will expand its cadre of members and service opportunities to support wildlife remediation, build community resilience for emergency preparedness and disaster response, and develop a pipeline of skilled young people to support our nation's emerging green infrastructure.

All Corps programs are invited to apply. Participating Corps must commit to the accreditation process to be eligible to receive funding through this program. Award amounts will be determined by the program's engagement of opportunity youth and the level of living allowance support provided to opportunity youth.

All participating programs must commit to ongoing training and technical assistance to achieve year-over-year improvement in recruitment of opportunity youth, employment and post-secondary placement upon completion, and post-program tracking and follow-up for 12 months after exit.

Award Vehicle:	Fixed Amount Grant
Amount per MSY:	Up to \$20,400/MSY*
Performance Measures:	EN1, EN4, EN5
Other Requirements:	Employment Placement, Post-Secondary Placement, GED Attainment, and Post-Program Tracking and Follow-Up for 12 months

Funding Available

Base:	\$16,400/MSY
w/o HS Diploma:	\$1,000/MSY
Unemployed:	\$1,000/MSY
Opportunity Youth w/ Living Allowance Greater than TCN Minimum:	\$2,000 /MSY
<i>(see table below)</i>	

LIVING ALLOWANCE

Service Term	Minimum Number of Hours	Minimum Living Allowance <i>TCN Opportunity Youth Supplement</i>	Minimum Living Allowance <i>Per AmeriCorps Terms & Conditions</i>	Maximum Total Living Allowance <i>Per AmeriCorps Terms & Conditions</i>
Full-Time (FT)	1,700	\$20,400	\$18,700	\$37,400
Three-Quarter Time (TQT)	1,200	\$14,400	n/a	\$26,180
Half-Time (HT)	900	\$10,800	n/a	\$18,700
Reduced Half-Time (RHT)	675	\$8,100	n/a	\$14,212
Quarter-Time (QT)	450	\$5,400	n/a	\$9,724
Minimum Time (MT)	300	\$3,600	n/a	\$7,854

AmeriCorps Regulations

The AmeriCorps regulations include pertinent information. The Notice can be found on the AmeriCorps website.

The full regulations are available online at:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR>

A few pertinent requirements in the AmeriCorps Regulations:

Topics	Citation in the AmeriCorps Regulations
Member Service Activities	§2520.20 - §2520.55
Prohibited Activities	§2520.65
Matching Funds	§2521.35-2521.90
Member Benefits	§2522.240-2522.250
Performance Measures	§2522.500-2522.650