

The CorpsNetwork

Member Benefits Guide

Discover What The Corps Network Can Offer Your Organization

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Our Mission

The Corps Network advances programs that transform young people's lives and communities through career development, conservation, and civic engagement.

Our Vision

Every young person in America has access to a meaningful Corps experience and an opportunity to make a positive impact on their lives and in their communities.

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Strengthening America through service and conservation

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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 youth and young adults. 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 our knowledgeable staff members.

Community
Network with like-minded professionals through our coalitions. Receive discounted registration to The Corps Network's annual National Conference.





Membership Overview

The Corps Network offers three membership levels, each catering to the needs of different types of organizations. Learn more about each plan in the following pages.

Category	Learn More	Dues
Full Member	Click here – page 4	Starts at $1,545 (based on annual operating budget). See full dues schedule here
Service and Conservation Corps	All three of these types of programs fall under the Full Member category.	
Individual Placement Program		
Emerging Corps		$1,000
Affiliate Member	Click here – page 5	$950
AmeriCorps Basic Member	Click here – page 5	$400

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. NOTE: 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.

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.

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 member 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 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 organizationsof 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.

Benefits Breakdown

Benefits details can be found at: corpsnetwork.org/member-benefits

✓ Benefit included

× Benefit provided on a case-by-case basis

	Service & Conservation Corps & Individual Placement Programs	Emerging Corps*	Affiliate Member	AmeriCorps Basic Member
Benefits for Corpsmembers				
AmeriCorps Education Award Program	✓	×	×	
Eligible for Cigna health insurance for Corpsmembers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligible for training opportunities through national partnerships	✓	✓		
Networking | Technical Assistance | Resources				
National Conference (discounted registration)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to network with like-minded organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Members Only resource library	✓	✓	✓	
Specific data requests and technical assistance	✓	✓		
Webinars and trainings specific to Corps operations and governance	✓	✓		
Access to The Corps Coop	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligible to sit on / vote for the Corps Council	✓			
Advocacy				
Advocate in Washington, DC (access to Public Lands Service Coalition, State and Local Projects Coalition, National Service Coalition)	✓	✓	✓	
Representation on national coalitions related to Corps' interests	✓	✓	✓	
Programs | Grants | Funding Opportunities				
Grant opportunities search	✓	✓		
Cooperative agreements and contract technical assistance (SF-424s / Task Agreements)	✓	×		
Capacity building grant opportunities	✓	×		
Partner program opportunities (National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Public Lands Corps, Gulf Coast Restoration Initiative, U.S. Forest Service Resource Assistant Program, and more)	✓	×		
Communications | Publicity				
TCN's Jobs at Corps platform	✓	✓		
TCN Award Programs (Corpsmember of the Year, Project of the Year, Legacy Achievement Award, etc.)	✓	✓		
Public speaking opportunities for your Corpsmembers and staff	✓	✓		
Publicity on a national level (social media, publications, website, etc.)	✓	✓		
The Crewleader (members-only newsletter)	✓	✓	✓	
Participation in national studies / evaluations	✓			

Join Today!

To learn more 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 more than 150 Corps across the United States. Through advocacy, funding opportunities and expert guidance, The Corps Network helps enable more than 22,000 Corpsmembers to strengthen communities, improve the environment and transform their lives through service every year.

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