



AmeriCorps*State and National

*AmeriCorps*State and National is part of AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps*State and National members serve through more than 900 nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations. They tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters. In fiscal year 2001, approximately 44,000 members served in AmeriCorps*State and National programs.*

AmeriCorps*State

More than three-fourths of AmeriCorps grant funding goes to bipartisan State Commissions appointed by Governors. These commissions determine needs in their state, distribute grants to local nonprofits and agencies, and monitor these grantees to ensure quality and compliance with federal law. One third of AmeriCorps*State and National funds are distributed to the commissions on a formula percentage based on state population. Additional funds are distributed through a competition among states. The local groups selected by State Commissions are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps members. Members serve in a wide range of organizations including homeless shelters, after-school programs, police departments, conservation corps, school districts, colleges and universities, Indian tribes, and faith-based groups.

AmeriCorps*National

Approximately one-fourth of AmeriCorps grant funding goes directly to regional and national nonprofit organizations that operate in more than one state. These organizations compete nationally and, if selected, are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps

members. AmeriCorps*National grantees include Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Boys and Girls Clubs, Teach for America, and City Year, among others.

Other Programs

Two other programs fall under AmeriCorps*State and National. The AmeriCorps Education Awards Program provides education awards and a small administrative grant to organizations but not the living allowance or other member benefits. This low-cost approach accounts for about 13,000 of the total 44,000 AmeriCorps*State and National members. AmeriCorps Promise Fellows are full-time members who lead community efforts to build the character and competence of youth. Approximately 500 members serve as AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

Eligibility and Benefits

AmeriCorps*State and National is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens age 17 and older. Members serve full or part time over a 9- to 12-month period. Full-time members receive an education award of up to \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school or to pay student loans. They also receive health insurance, training, and student loan deferment. About half of the

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members also receive a modest annual living allowance of about \$9,300, along with health insurance. Members who serve part time receive a partial education award.

Budget

The program's budget for fiscal year 2002 is \$230.5 million. Sponsoring partners must provide 33 percent of the program operating costs and 15 percent of the member living allowance.

AmeriCorps Network

AmeriCorps also includes AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a full-time, team-based residential program for 18- to 24-year-olds focused on disaster relief and

conservation, and AmeriCorps*VISTA, whose members expand the reach and effectiveness of organizations helping people out of poverty. AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. Together, these programs engage more than 2 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities each year.

More Information

To learn more about AmeriCorps, go to www.americorps.org or call 800-942-2677 or TTY 800-833-3722.

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