

**AmeriCorps:
Your World,
Your Chance to Make it Better**



National Community Service

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Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service
Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services
Cabinet for Health and Family Services



Purpose of Community Service

- To engage AmeriCorps members in direct service and capacity building to address unmet needs.
 - Tutoring and mentoring youth
 - Assisting crime victims
 - Building affordable housing
 - Restoring parks

Purpose Continued

Local programs design service activities for a team of members serving full or part time for one year.

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- AmeriCorps members also mobilize community volunteers to strengthen the capacity of the organization where they are serving.



Benefits to Members

**“If you want to lift yourself up, lift
someone else up”
– Booker T. Washington**

Benefits

- Members incorporate service in their life and make a difference in their community and their world.
- Members receive a small living allowance during term of service.

Benefits

- After serving a successful year, members can pay for college or re-pay college loans with the scholarship.
- Health benefits.

Benefits to Members

- Child Care Assistance.
- Gain work and life skills.
- Student loan deferment during service.

Who Serves?

- AmeriCorps members range in age from 17 to older than 90.



Who Serves?

- Some have college degrees.
- Some have a high school diploma.
- Some are earning their GEDs

Who Serves?



- They reflect the diversity of America in age, ethnicity, education, race, gender and religion.

Requirements

AmeriCorps members must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or
- A national or lawful permanent alien and
- Be 17 years of age or older

(Some programs may have additional requirements such as education level)

Where do they serve?

- State and local nonprofit organizations
- Community, faith-based organizations
- State, local and higher education institutions
- State and local governments

The AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter healthier



Pledge

I will bring Americans together to strengthen
our communities



Pledge

Faced with apathy, I will take action



Pledge

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground



Pledge

I will carry this commitment with me this year
and beyond.



Pledge

I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.



Where to find additional information

The KCCVS website

<http://volunteerKY.ky.gov/>

Additional Information

AmeriCorps website

<http://www.americorps.gov>

Additional Information

Corporation for National and Community
Service website

<http://www.cns.gov>

Additional Information

AmeriCorps Alums website

<http://www.lifetimeofservice.org>