

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. Every year, approximately 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve organizations in communities across the United States. Individuals who serve through AmeriCorps receive a monthly living stipend and, at the end of their service term, an education award they can use to cover the costs of college or graduate school.

Become a School of National Service

College administrators can use Schools of National Service to attract more applicants and emphasize the importance of serving others. **Here's why it matters:**

Increase in Applicants: Schools affiliated with National Service programs can draw in more potential students who value community engagement and making a difference.

Promoting Institutional Values: By adopting the "School of National Service" tagline, colleges can showcase their commitment to producing socially responsible graduates.

Financial Benefits: Financial aid offices can highlight the advantages of National Service programs, including lower education costs and access to new career paths.

Career Opportunities: Career centers can promote the marketability of the work experience gained through National Service, enhancing students' postgraduate employment prospects.

Partnerships for Success: Collaboration with Employers of National Service can further boost postgraduate employment rates for students.

Expanded Options for Service-Minded Students:

Affiliation with Schools of National Service opens doors for involvement in internships, gap years, and postgraduate opportunities for students involved in Greek life, volunteer organizations, or cultural affinity groups.

Recruitment Tool for AmeriCorps Members: Schools of National Service serve as attractive options for potential AmeriCorps members, offering diverse opportunities after their service term.

Educational Opportunities for AmeriCorps Alumni:

AmeriCorps members who completed their education prior to service can use their Segal Education Award at matching institutions to pursue graduate degrees.

Recognition as Schools of National Service: Institutions supporting AmeriCorps alumni by matching Segal Education Awards or offering scholarships can be acknowledged as Schools of National Service (SONS).

For more information on Schools of National Service, visit americorps.gov/partner/partnerships/schools-national-service.

The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

Individuals who complete a term of service with AmeriCorps and enroll in the National Service Trust are eligible to receive an education award that they can use to cover the costs of education at eligible institutions. See below for answers to frequently asked questions.

What is the value of the award?

The amount of the education award varies based on the number of service hours completed during the AmeriCorps term. A full-time award is equivalent to the Pell Grant for the year the award was received. To learn more about the Education Award, go to <https://americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-ameri-corps-education-award/find-out-more>

What can the award be used for?

The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award can be used to cover current tuition expenses, as well as other items included in the Cost of Attendance (COA) — for example: room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. It can also be used to repay certain types of student loans. To learn more about the Education Award, go to <https://americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-ameri-corps-education-award/find-out-more>

Additional Financial Support for AmeriCorps Alums

Recognizing the value AmeriCorps alums bring to campus, many colleges and universities offer additional financial support to those who have served. Here are some of the ways institutions are helping AmeriCorps members reach their educational goals.

- Clark University matches the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award for full-time undergraduate day students.
- Western Governor’s University waives the application fee and provides a 5% discount on tuition for all students who have served in AmeriCorps.
- Arkansas State University offers five \$2,000 scholarships per year to AmeriCorps alums.
- Public institutions in Arizona, Maryland, and Nebraska offer in-state tuition to AmeriCorps alums.
- West Virginia offers free tuition to AmeriCorps members who have served in West Virginia.

AmeriCorps Education Awards to ND Schools

STATE	INSTITUTION	SYSTEM	YEAR	EDUCATION AWARD USED	
ND	University of Jamestown		All years	\$72,526.42	43
ND	Minot State University	NDUS	All years	\$247,765.23	124
ND	All Institutions	All systems	All years	\$3,935,692.15	1,420