

What is  **AmeriCorps**

And how can it help pay for college?



**UServeUtah**

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism



federal agency for volunteerism and national service.

AmeriCorps provides thousands of opportunities for individuals to serve in their communities through its sponsor and grantee organizations. This includes direct service to people in need and indirect service that builds capacity within nonprofit organizations.



# AmeriCorps Six Key Focus Areas

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**Disaster  
Services**



**Economic  
Opportunity**



**Education**



**Environmental  
Stewardship**



**Healthy  
Futures**



**Veterans &  
Military Families**

NATIONAL SERVICE IN

# UTAH



**600**

local service sites



**3,800**

AmeriCorps Seniors and  
AmeriCorps members



**\$18.2**

million AmeriCorps  
and local funding



**\$52.6**

million AmeriCorps  
scholarships earned  
since 1994

[AmeriCorps.gov/Utah](https://AmeriCorps.gov/Utah)



# Basics of AmeriCorps Service

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- Full or Part-time positions
- Work with one organization (can choose best fit/interest)
- 10-12 month period
- Training through AmeriCorps, UServeUtah and organization
- Benefits during and after service
- Certain eligibility requirements













# AmeriCorps Eligibility Requirements

<i>AmeriCorps State and National</i>	<i>AmeriCorps VISTA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 17 years of age or older</li><li>● U.S. citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident</li><li>● Individual programs may have additional eligibility requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 18 years of age or older</li><li>● U.S. citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident</li><li>● Persons legally residing within a state. (refugee, asylee, temporary protected status, and holding DACA status)</li></ul>

# Benefits of AmeriCorps Service

	Bi-Weekly Living Allowance		Skills based and Professional Development Training
	Childcare assistance if you have children		Healthcare Coverage (including dental and vision)
	<b>Segal Education Award</b>		Relocation Allowance (VISTA only)
	Non-Competitive Eligibility making it easier to get hired by federal agencies		Forbearance of Student Loans

# Segal Education Award

Member Status	Hours served in one year	Education Award Amount
Full-time	1,700	\$6,895.00
Three-quarters-time	1,200	\$4,826.50
Half-time	900	\$3,447.50
Reduced half-time	675	\$2,626.27
Quarter-time	450	\$1,824.07
Minimal or Summer Associate	300	\$1,459.26
Full-time VISTA	1 yr, regular work week hours	\$6,895.00



# Using the Education Award

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- ❖ **Current Educational Expenses** - tuition, books, room and board, etc (within 7 yrs)
  - eligible schools participate in the Dept of Education's Title IV student aid programs (most post-secondary colleges, universities, and technical schools)
- ❖ **Repay Qualified Student Loans**
  - Loans backed by the federal government under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (except PLUS Loans to parents of students)
  - Loans under Titles VII or VIII of the Public Service Health Act
  - Loans made by a state agency, including state institutions of higher education

# Schools of National Service

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Select Schools may offer:

- Tuition matching for the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award
- Scholarship or fellowship to AmeriCorps alumni
- Priority admission consideration for AmeriCorps alumni
- Academic credit for AmeriCorps experience

**In Utah this includes: Westminster College and Broadview College.**

\*Arizona, Maryland, and Nebraska offer in-state tuition to AmeriCorps alumni

# Current Service Opportunities in Utah

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The **Boys & Girls Club of Utah County** is currently recruiting STEM Education Specialists to work with students in local schools and communities.

The **Math Mentors** program is looking for AmeriCorps members to provide math tutoring to elementary students across the state.

**Utah Healthcare Corps** is recruiting for community health workers to provide vital services to community members in need.

**Community Rebuilds** in Moab is looking for Build Apprentices to learn sustainable construction techniques and build affordable housing projects for low-income families





# AmeriCorps Resource Links

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[AmeriCorps State and National Programs in Utah and How to Apply](#)

[Overview of AmeriCorps Vista Program](#)

[AmeriCorps Vista Programs in Utah and How to Apply](#)

[Segal Education Award Information](#)



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**Want to learn more about service opportunities or  
how to apply for an AmeriCorps position?**

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