What is AmeriCorps
And how can it help pay for college?
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

- 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
Basics of AmeriCorps Service

➢ 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

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<th><strong>AmeriCorps State and National</strong></th>
<th><strong>AmeriCorps VISTA</strong></th>
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<td>● 17 years of age or older</td>
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<td>● Individual programs may have additional eligibility requirements</td>
<td>● Persons legally residing within a state. (refugee, asylee, temporary protected status, and holding DACA status)</td>
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## Benefits of AmeriCorps Service

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<td>Bi-Weekly Living Allowance</td>
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<td>Healthcare Coverage (including dental and vision)</td>
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<td>Non-Competitive Eligibility making it easier to get hired by federal agencies</td>
<td>Forbearance of Student Loans</td>
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# Segal Education Award

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<th>Education Award Amount</th>
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<td>Full-time</td>
<td>1,700</td>
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<td>Three-quarters-time</td>
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<td>Half-time</td>
<td>900</td>
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<td>Reduced half-time</td>
<td>675</td>
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<td>Quarter-time</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>Minimal or Summer Associate</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Full-time VISTA</td>
<td>1 yr, regular work week hours</td>
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Using the Education Award

❖ **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 Ac (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

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

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

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

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