AmeriCorps

Education

Investing In Education

At AmeriCorps, we believe students, schools, and communities will thrive when provided resources and support, which is why we award millions of dollars in grant funding to support education-related projects. National service members and volunteers serve in person and remotely on these projects to boost academic achievement through tutoring, mentoring, encouraging family involvement, and assisting teachers. From Pre-K to college, national service members and volunteers are there to guide students to graduation and prepare them for higher education, careers, and life.

Rigorous independent evaluations demonstrate that AmeriCorps programs improve school readiness, attendance, and behavior; boost reading and math achievement; and increase access to college and careers.

Our Impact

Improving Educational Outcomes by Teaching, Tutoring, and Mentoring Children and Youth

AmeriCorps programs put caring, capable people in classrooms to support students' social, emotional, and academic development. Each year, AmeriCorps projects provide educational programming to more than 1 million youth. Last year, AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers tutored and mentored over 230,000 children.

Supporting Early Childhood Education

AmeriCorps members serve under-resourced communities to prepare children for pre-school and kindergarten by introducing oral language and literacy exercises. Members also conduct in-school tutoring and family engagement as part of a well-rounded approach to improve class behavior and attendance.

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is the only federal agency tasked with elevating service and volunteerism in America. We provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities across our country.

AmeriCorps Seniors highlights the service opportunities available to Americans 55 and older who want to make giving back their second act.

In 25 years, nearly **1.2 million AmeriCorps members have earned over $4 billion in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards,** $1 billion of which has been used to pay back student loan debt – making college more accessible and affordable for those who serve.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the Foster Grandparent and RSVP programs serve in classrooms and after-school programs to improve school readiness for economically disadvantaged children. Volunteers help improve children's social-emotional skills, self-control, and self-esteem through one-on-one tutoring and mentoring services. Volunteers also build classroom capacity by aiding teachers in implementing lesson plans.

Preparing Students for College and Career Readiness, Workforce Development

AmeriCorps members support students who face financial, academic, and sociocultural barriers by offering ACT and SAT test preparation, college application assistance, financial aid consulting, guidance from high school to college, and ongoing support towards degree completion. They often serve as role models and encourage students to stay on track, graduate high school, and make post-graduation plans. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve in person and remotely in K-12 schools as mentors and tutors for disadvantaged and at-risk students. They help improve students' literacy and numeracy skills and decrease the behaviors that lead to disillusionment and dropping out.

Bringing Stem Learning to Classrooms

AmeriCorps members provide STEM and digital literacy training to students and community members through public computer centers, schools, and after-school programs to equip them with the skills desirable by employers and integral to dozens of career paths. AmeriCorps members raise money for STEM programming and help expand coding and robotics programs in underserved schools.

Serving in AmeriCorps Opens Doors to Post-Secondary Education

In exchange for a year of full-time service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (equal to the maximum Pell Grant) that can be used to pay for college or trade school or repay qualified student loans. Part-time members receive an adjusted Education Award. More than $4 billion has been earned in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards since 1994.

Schools of National Service

AmeriCorps partners with hundreds of higher education institutions to support college access. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov

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