

Notice of Opportunity for AmeriCorps Affiliate

A creative new stream of service, AmeriCorps Affiliate allows organizations to leverage funding from outside sources while permitting the flexibility to engage youth as young as 14 years of age in national service and to allow for a new 100-hour service term. AmeriCorps Affiliate participants who complete their term of service, like other AmeriCorps members, receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. AmeriCorps Affiliate designations are intended to use national service as a means to incubate and expand service opportunities to create self-sustaining service models that complement existing AmeriCorps programs.

More Information

What is the AmeriCorps Affiliate Program?

AmeriCorps Affiliate creates a stream of service distinct from other AmeriCorps programs. It relies on authorities in the Serve America Act, and offers CNCS an opportunity to designate positions as National Service Positions; CNCS does not award financial resources to applicants. Individuals who successfully complete a term of service in the designated positions may receive an Eli Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.

Are the participants who serve in AmeriCorps Affiliate AmeriCorps members?

Yes, AmeriCorps Affiliate participants are AmeriCorps members because they receive an Education Award in exchange for a term of national service, yet they are distinct from all other AmeriCorps positions, including NCCC and VISTA.

How does an AmeriCorps Affiliate member differ from other AmeriCorps members?

Each type of member operates in a separate programmatic and legal framework that makes each program distinct. AmeriCorps Affiliate members are no different; though they do provide flexibility to engage other Americans in national service not found in our other programs. For example, these AmeriCorps Affiliate members receive no living allowance from CNCS, only the Education Award. Beyond that, the differences depend on the program design.

How will the Affiliate Program be administered?

CNCS will select organizations through a noncompetitive application process. When sponsor organizations are selected to administer the program through an agreement with CNCS (as opposed to a grant from CNCS), CNCS will contribute Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards. The organizations, among other things, will be responsible for certifying and documenting the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.