

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

AMERICORPS & SENIOR CORPS



AmeriCorps connects more than
100,000 
individuals to job training and work
placement programs each year.

AmeriCorps VISTA members
generate millions in cash
and in-kind resources to 
expand economic opportunity.

AmeriCorps NCCC members
and **Senior Corps** volunteers
return millions of dollars
to community members 
by assisting with tax preparation.

The Corporation for National and Community Service knows American workers in the 21st century need a wide range of skills to succeed. Employers are increasingly looking for workers with both “hard skills,” such as college degrees, professional experience, and industry-recognized certifications, and “soft skills,” such as the ability to lead, communicate, and think critically. AmeriCorps and Senior Corps build economic opportunity for those who serve and for the communities they serve. Our programs bridge the gap between these desired skills and the current state of resources and opportunities.

USING NATIONAL SERVICE TO BUILD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Connecting Individuals to Internet Access and Digital Literacy

AmeriCorps implements programs in communities and tribal territories across the country that expand high-speed internet and increase digital literacy access to low-income households. They distribute refurbished personal computers, laptops, and tablets to high-need tenants, provide families with digital literacy classes, and teach core computer and internet skills required for exploring online job boards and creating resumes.

AmeriCorps targets low-income families with school-age children to ensure reliable internet access for completing homework assignments and studying for exams.

Preparing Americans for Success in the Workplace

AmeriCorps provides English as a Second Language classes, literacy classes, vocational workshops, computer classes, internship or job placement, and other services for underserved populations such as day laborers, children, and at-risk youth.

AmeriCorps VISTA dedicates programs to help individuals retrain and up-skill in order to increase their income and stability within the workforce through vocational training and formal job placement programs.

Senior Corps assists individuals who face challenges with job preparedness due to low education or lack of resources and training. Volunteers provide GED tutoring, English as a Second Language classes, computer skills training, resume workshops, and mock-interviews.

Preventing Fraud and Providing Financial Coaching

Senior Corps volunteers educate older adults about financial fraud and other scams. Volunteers provide training to help older adults identify various types of fraud and scams, staff helplines where older adults can call if they believe they have been targeted, and help victims secure resources and counsel they qualify for.

AmeriCorps and Senior Corps volunteers provide financial literacy and money management services to low-income individuals by helping them obtain credit reports, develop debt reduction plans, create household budgets, and set financial goals.

AmeriCorps members conduct tax return preparations. As part of this service, they provide training to beneficiaries to help prepare them to electronically submit their taxes in the future.

Senior Corps volunteers, who are IRS-trained, prepare and electronically submit tax returns for low-income communities. Some volunteers are specially trained to support tax returns and submissions for veterans and military families.

Economic Opportunity for National Service Volunteers

AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers successfully complete their service with increased employability, pathways to higher education, and a list of marketable skills.

AmeriCorps programs prepare Americans for success in the workplace and offer support with GED completion, after-service job placement, and college course enrollment.

Senior Corps offers accommodations to reduce barriers to volunteering, which can include a modest stipend and supplemental insurance.

Upon successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps members earn an Education Award that can pay for college or repay qualified student loans.