

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

SERVE **OHIO**
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism




AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages **more than 80,000 Americans** in intensive service each year at **21,600** nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community organizations across the country. AmeriCorps members gain valuable service experience and have access to professional development and skill-building opportunities while also earning scholarship dollars to be used toward education or student loan repayment. Since 1994, more than **1.25 million** individuals have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than **1.5 billion hours** of service and earning more than **\$4.5 billion** in scholarships, more than **\$1 billion** of which has been used to pay back student loan debt.

Ohio AmeriCorps members serve as tutors, coaches and mentors to youth, provide health education and screenings in underserved regions of the state, improve environmental conditions by cleaning streams and providing environmental education, increase supports for mental and physical wellbeing, and so much more! Since 1994, more than **39,000** Ohio residents have served more than **63 million hours** and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$139.2 million**.

AMERICORPS IMPACT IN OHIO THIS YEAR :

 **900+**
Ohio AmeriCorps
members

 **500+**
AmeriCorps
service sites

1.2
MILLION 
hours of
AmeriCorps service

\$4.2
MILLION 
in AmeriCorps
Educational Awards

BENEFITS OF JOINING AMERICORPS

- Jump start your career
- Explore future career interests
- Receive a monthly living stipend and student loan forbearance
- Be eligible for education awards for college or student loans
- Have access to training and professional development opportunities
- Forge lifelong friendships
- Work with people of different cultural backgrounds
- Know you made your community a better place



HEAR FROM OHIO AMERICORPS ALUMNI

I love being able to help young people recognize their potential and figure out a way to make their dreams a reality. Seeing their faces light up when they finished a scholarship application or got into a college when they didn't think that it was possible was a great feeling. I loved getting to know them and their stories, connecting with them on a human and personal level was the best part of my experience this year.

The best thing about my AmeriCorps experience is how many lives I touched, how many smiles I saw, how many hands I shook and how many pantries I helped fill. I became such a better person through AmeriCorps.



JOIN AMERICORPS

AmeriCorps is your chance to put your ideals into action while learning new skills, making new connections, serving your community, and earning money to pay for college.

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