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PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- Use this application for most AmeriCorps programs you're applying to; however, if you're applying to one of the 1,000+ AmeriCorps*State and National programs, you should check with them first to see if they require any additional or alternative forms. Call the AmeriCorps hotline at 1-800-942-2677.
- Make a copy of your application for your personal records before you send it in.
- If you're applying to more than one AmeriCorps program, complete the entire application except for question 7 and the final section, "Certification." Make one copy of the application for each program. Then, answer question 7 and sign each copy separately before mailing.
- You may use additional sheets of paper to provide more detailed information that will not fit on this application form. Enclose everything in the final application packet that you submit.
- Two reference forms are enclosed in this packet. They are an important part of your application, and your application cannot be considered without them. Completed references must be submitted with your application. They should not be sent separately. Select people who you know well and who are familiar with your personal background, education, employment, and/or professional skills. You should not ask a family member, peer, classmate, co-worker, or friend to serve as a reference. Consider asking work supervisors, clergy, teachers, counselors, coaches, or someone else familiar with your motivation and community involvement.
- If you are applying to multiple programs and using the same person as a reference, please remind them to make multiple copies after completing the reference form.
- Send your application to the right place. See the back cover for address information.
- This publication is available upon request in alternative formats for people with disabilities. Email altformats@cns.gov or (202) 565-2799.

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PERSONAL PROFILE

1. NAME: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

2. Are you a United States citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien? Yes No
If you are a lawful permanent resident alien and you received your card after January 1987,
what is your registration number and card expiration date? _____

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
CITY/STATE/COUNTRY

6. GENDER: Male Female

7. Earliest date you are available to begin service: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

8. **CURRENT ADDRESS:** *All information will be sent to this address unless you notify us of a change.*

NUMBER AND STREET (IF POSSIBLE, INCLUDE A NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS WHEN USING A P.O. BOX)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

9. Are you moving within the next six months? Yes No If yes, when*? _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

**Please notify us of new address at time of move.*

10. **PERMANENT ADDRESS:** (if different than above)—Please give the name and address of
a person through whom you can always be reached:
Name: _____ Relationship: _____
FIRST LAST

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11. Which AmeriCorps program are you applying to? Check only **one**—If you are applying to more than one AmeriCorps program, fill this in after you copy your application for each program.

AmeriCorps*NCCC—National Civilian Community Corps

Members ages 18 to 24 serve in a team-based residential program to complete a variety of service projects in the areas of education, public safety, disaster relief, the environment, and other community needs. Members often travel to projects throughout their region.

Fall Class (September/October start dates) Winter Class (January start dates) Other Start Dates

AmeriCorps*VISTA—Volunteers in Service to America

Members serve through private organizations and public nonprofit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty—such as public health, education, the environment, public safety, and employment—by developing and mobilizing resources that create long-term sustainable benefits at a community level.

Program Name _____

Program Address _____

AmeriCorps*State and National

Members serve either in teams or individually through national and community-based private and public organizations. Members help solve community problems through direct and indirect service, in the areas of education, public safety, the environment, and other human needs, such as health and housing.

Program Name _____

Program Address _____

EDUCATION

12. Check the highest level of education that you will have completed by the time you are planning to serve in AmeriCorps. (Check only one.)

- Some high school Associate’s degree Graduate degree
 High school diploma or GED Some college Other (please specify):
 Technical school/Apprenticeship Bachelor’s degree _____

13. List all schools after high school that you have attended, including trade or technical schools, military training, and employment training programs.

Name of School (List most recent first)	Location of School (City/State)	Dates Attended		Major or Area of Study	Type of Degree or Certificate	Date Received or Expected
		From Mo./Yr.	To Mo./Yr.			
A. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY SERVICE *(Previous service is not always a requirement.)*

Describe how you have reached out to help others and/or how you have been involved in your own community. Elaborate on why you decided to serve or get involved, and what you received in return—that is, what you learned or how it made you feel. Think in broad terms. Attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

14. How have you been involved in your community? *If you served in an organization, include the organization name, location, dates, and phone number. List your most recent activity first. Attach a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.*

A. DATES OF INVOLVEMENT: From: _____ To: _____ Hours per mo.: _____
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Organization Name: _____ Location: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Involvement: _____

B. DATES OF INVOLVEMENT: From: _____ To: _____ Hours per mo.: _____
MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Organization Name: _____ Location: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Involvement: _____

15. Have you previously served in AmeriCorps? Yes No

Program Name: Check all that apply:

AmeriCorps*VISTA AmeriCorps*NCCC AmeriCorps*State and National

Program Location: _____; From: _____ To: _____
CITY STATE MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Did you complete your term of service? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

EMPLOYMENT

16. List and briefly describe the last four positions you have held. Begin with the current or most recent and go back ten years. Include self-employment, internships/fellowships, home management, and full- or part-time paid or unpaid work experience. (You may attach a resume instead only if it addresses the information requested below.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	DATES	JOB TITLE AND DUTIES
<p>A. Organization, City/State:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Supervisor: Phone and e-mail</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>From: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>To: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>Hrs/week: _____</p>	<p>Title: _____</p> <p>Duties: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Reason for leaving: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>B. Organization, City/State:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Supervisor: Phone and e-mail</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>From: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>To: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>Hrs/week: _____</p>	<p>Title: _____</p> <p>Duties: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Reason for leaving: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>D. Organization, City/State:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Supervisor: Phone and e-mail</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>From: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>To: _____ / _____ MO./YR.</p> <p>Hrs/week: _____</p>	<p>Title: _____</p> <p>Duties: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Reason for leaving: _____</p> <p>_____</p>

17. Explain any period of time greater than six months not accounted for by work, school, or military service. _____

MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT

18. Why do you want to join AmeriCorps? What could you contribute to your AmeriCorps project? What do you hope to gain from serving as an AmeriCorps member? If you need additional room, attach a separate piece of paper and limit your response to 500 words.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

19. Listed below are skill areas that some programs find useful and may seek in applicants for AmeriCorps. Indicate the skill areas in which you have had training or experience, including volunteer or community service experience, and indicate how you gained those skills.

EXAMPLE: Counseling Dorm Advisor

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Planning_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Law_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Entrepreneur_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Org./Development_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Technology_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching/Tutoring_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Construction_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts/Crafts_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising/Grant Writing_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):_____ |

20. Do you know or have you studied any language other than English? Yes No

Language: _____ Number of Years Studied or Spoken: _____

Speaking Ability: Poor Fair Good Excellent

Writing Ability: Poor Fair Good Excellent

21. In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, provide any additional skills and experience that may be helpful in evaluating your application.

22. Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

LEGAL

Answer the following questions fully. Existence of criminal conviction/adjudication may or may not, depending on the circumstances, disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission will disqualify you. Do not include minor traffic violations.

23. Have you ever been convicted, or adjudicated as a juvenile offender, of any criminal offense by either a civilian or military court, other than minor traffic violations? Yes No

Are you now:

- under charges for any offenses? Yes No
- on probation or parole? Yes No

If no, skip to "Certification" below.

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please provide the following information:

Date: _____ Place: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR CITY STATE

Charge: _____ Action Taken: _____

Court, Probation, or Parole Officer: _____ Phone: () _____
NAME

Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

You may attach any additional information or explanation on a separate sheet.

CERTIFICATION

Your application must be certified with your original signature in ink. If you are applying to more than one AmeriCorps program, make a copy for each program that you're applying to first, then sign each one.

*I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. I understand that misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification and/or termination as an AmeriCorps member. I also understand that my selection for participation in some AmeriCorps programs, including AmeriCorps*NCCC, will require a physical examination, including drug and alcohol testing. Background and security checks may also be conducted by some programs.*

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C § 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you: The authority for collecting information from you in this application is contained in 42 U.S.C 12592 and 12615 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended, and 42 U.S.C 4953 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 as amended. You are advised that submission of the information is entirely voluntary, but the requested information is required in order for you to participate in AmeriCorps programs.

The principal purpose for requesting this personal information is to process your application for acceptance into an AmeriCorps program, and for other general routine purposes associated with your participation in an AmeriCorps program. These routine purposes may include disclosure of the information to federal, state, or local agencies pursuant to lawfully authorized requests, to present and former employers, references provided by you in your application, and educational institutions, for the purpose of verifying the information provided by you in your application. In some programs, the information may also be provided to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to determine the existence of any prior criminal convictions. The information will not otherwise be disclosed to entities outside of AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service without your prior written permission.

SIGNATURE

DATE

For Parent or Guardian of Applicants Under 18 Years of Age:

I have reviewed this application and I authorize my son/daughter/legal ward to apply to AmeriCorps.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE



The Corporation for National and Community Service programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, or other non-merit factors. Anyone believing he or she has been subjected to discrimination on these grounds by the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps, or one of its grantees may contact our Equal Opportunity Office at (202) 606-5000, extension 312, or email at eo@cns.gov

REFERENCE FORM

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please fill out the lines below and give this form to each of your references. Your reference should complete this form, seal it in an envelope, sign his or her name across the seal on the outside of the envelope, and return it to you to include with the application you send to AmeriCorps.

Applicant's Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: _____
(IF P.O. BOX, ALSO GIVE NUMBER AND STREET) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

INDICATE THE PROGRAM THAT YOU ARE APPLYING TO *(check only one)*:

AmeriCorps*NCCC

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Program Name: _____

Program Address: _____

One of the other 1,000+ programs in the AmeriCorps network (be specific):

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TO THE PERSONAL REFERENCE:

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The person named above is applying to be an AmeriCorps member. The applicant has indicated that you would be able to evaluate his or her qualifications and provide us with a candid recommendation. The success of AmeriCorps largely depends upon an appropriate match between programs and members. Considerable value is placed on personal references during the application review and selection process. Your input is greatly appreciated.

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT

How long have you known the applicant? Years:_____ Months:_____

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

- Job Supervisor/Employer
- Clergy
- Volunteer Supervisor
- Coach
- High School Teacher
- College Instructor
- Other (specify):_____

Please describe the situation in which you know the applicant.

WORK PERFORMANCE

1. Please comment on such qualities as the applicant’s level of dependability, initiative, and ability to work with minimal supervision and as a member of a team.

2. In your judgment, how competent is this applicant, as demonstrated by work in the community, in school, on the job, or in a position of responsibility? *Please check one.*

- Outstanding performance
- Above average performance
- Satisfactory
- Below average performance
- Unsatisfactory performance

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE

3. AmeriCorps members are required to understand other people’s viewpoints and problems and to communicate with people from differing backgrounds. Please comment briefly on the applicant’s relationships with others.

4. AmeriCorps members must serve with other participants and with people of varied cultural, economic, education, racial, and religious backgrounds. How would you rate the applicant’s working relationships with other people? *Please check one.*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Works well with others; can lead or follow as the occasion demands. | <input type="checkbox"/> Usually works well with others; can lead or follow in most situations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Has average working relationships with others. | <input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty working with others. |
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EMOTIONAL MATURITY

5. Please comment on the applicant’s ability to adapt and work under difficult and changing conditions.

6. AmeriCorps members often serve in conditions of hardship and inconvenience. They must be able to deal with new and changing living conditions, limited financial resources, and considerable amounts of stress. With these considerations in mind, how would you rate the applicant?
Please check one.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

7. If you wish, use additional paper to explain any of your ratings, and anything else about this applicant that you feel is relevant to serving in AmeriCorps—such as the applicant’s desire to serve others, maturity, work ethic, flexibility, and dependability. Explain any reservations that you have regarding the applicant’s participation in the AmeriCorps program to which he or she has applied.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

8. What is your overall recommendation?

- I recommend the applicant without reservation as an excellent candidate for AmeriCorps service.
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OPTIONAL INFORMATION

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AMERICORPS? *You may check more than one.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps representative
<i>(service/career fair, conference, information session)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> College guidance office/Placement office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current or former AmeriCorps member | <input type="checkbox"/> High school guidance counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/Magazine article |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Listserv/E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Corps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/Magazine advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio advertisement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other service organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Received information in the mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio story | <input type="checkbox"/> Television news story |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster at school | |

WHAT IS YOUR ETHNICITY? Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

WHAT IS YOUR RACE? *Mark one or more:*

- American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

If you are applying to AmeriCorps*NCCC, send it to:
AmeriCorps*NCCC
1201 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20525

For all other AmeriCorps programs check out www.americorps.org and find out how to apply on-line directly to any AmeriCorps program, or how to get the address for your hard-copy application.

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QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-942-2677 OR VISIT...

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