



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

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.



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



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



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

Preparing Americans for Success in the Workplace

Our programs help prepare individuals for the workplace and provide support to those who face challenges with job preparedness due to limited education or lack of resources and training. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers 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. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers also support GED tutoring, English as a Second Language and literacy classes, computer skills training, resume workshops, and mock-interviews.

Preventing Fraud and Providing Financial Coaching

AmeriCorps Seniors 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 members and AmeriCorps Seniors 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 Seniors volunteers and AmeriCorps members help low-income individuals and veterans and military families prepare and submit their tax returns. With training from the IRS, national service members are helping families and individuals recover millions in tax refunds and tax credits.

Economic Opportunity for National Service Volunteers

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

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



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