



INCLUSION

Iowa is proud of its commitment to inclusion and providing opportunity for all who seek to serve. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service works to recruit AmeriCorps members with disabilities to national service and provides assistance and referrals to support members who may need accommodations to perform the duties of their service assignments. For more information, email americorps@iowalifechanging.com.

AmeriCorps State offers service opportunities to people age 17 and older without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation or other non-merit factors. Upon request, this material will be made available in alternative forms for people with disabilities.



AmeriCorps State is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

In Iowa, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service administers the AmeriCorps State program.

If you would like to learn how your organization can host a national service member or program, see www.volunteeriowa.org.



AMERICORPS STATE + YOU ... MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



Photo: Will Crocker, Habitat for Humanity International

JOIN AMERICORPS STATE

To apply, please complete an online application at www.americorps.gov. (As you search for opportunities, look for those listed as AmeriCorps State/National or "SN".) After you apply, the national service hosting organization will contact you for an interview if your qualifications match the position requirements.)

Iowa's AmeriCorps State programs enroll new members in the fall beginning on Sept. 1 and most members finish service by Aug. 31 the next year. Enrollment for part-time and summer-only members is ongoing.

(Through the www.americorps.gov Web site, you can also learn about VISTA or NCCC opportunities.)



By picking up this brochure, you have already taken the first step in enhancing your own life and professional career *plus* making a difference in the world around you.





BENEFITS TO YOU

AmeriCorps State participants, called members, receive guidance and training specific to their program assignment to enhance and compliment talents, interests, abilities and availability. AmeriCorps State members receive a modest living allowance, student loan forbearance; and, for those who qualify, health coverage and childcare assistance.

After successfully completing the term of service, members receive an education award to help pay qualified student loans or finance college, graduate school or vocational training at eligible institutions. Many institutions of higher education, including some in Iowa, match the award dollar for dollar.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Each year, hundreds of Iowa men and women embark on an adventure by committing to an intense, results-driven, national service experience through AmeriCorps State.

Get fired up and ready to make a difference. You can:

- help build affordable housing
- work to conserve Iowa's environment
- tutor kids so they reach their full potential
- help provide disaster preparedness training
- get involved in many other areas of service

Along with the satisfaction that comes from giving to others, you will have experiences that help you grow as an individual and a community member. Plus, receive a monthly stipend, an education award to help with college costs, and an exceptional opportunity to explore your interests and gain new skills.

AmeriCorps State offers full-time and part-time positions to fit your lifestyle and opportunities are available in almost every county in Iowa. Organizations with service opportunities include Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Iowa Legal Aid, The Department of Natural Resources and many other local organizations.

More than 1.5 million Americans are engaged in national service programs each year to make a positive impact in the lives of countless others. This year, join them to make a difference in your life and in the world around you!



LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about national service opportunities available in Iowa or nationwide, visit www.americorps.gov, call toll free 1.800.942.2677 or TTY #1.800.833.3722, or visit the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service Web site at www.volunteeriowa.org.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Members must be a U.S. citizen or a national and lawful permanent resident alien, age 17 and older.

THE COMMITMENT

AmeriCorps State members can select to serve within three levels of service:

- Full Time (1700 hours/year)
- Half Time (900 hours/year)
- Quarter Time (450 hours/year)

Members serve full- or part-time over a 9- to 12-month period. Some summer only positions are available as well.

