

WHICH AMERICORPS BRANCH IS FOR YOU?

	AmeriCorps State including Youth Mental Health Corps	AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)	AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) including FEMA Corps
			
PROGRAM FOCUS & SERVICE ACTIVITIES	Iowa AmeriCorps State programs utilize members to help further their organizational mission and expand their community impact. Members commit to providing primarily direct service activities in the fields of Education, Economic Opportunity, Health, Disaster Services, and Environmental Stewardship.	AmeriCorps VISTA engages those from a diverse range of backgrounds in behind-the-scenes, capacity-building service activities such as fundraising, volunteer recruitment, or community outreach. Members serve at nonprofits or public agencies to create or expand programs that empower individuals and communities to overcome poverty.	AmeriCorps NCCC engages members in teams who travel their region completing various hands-on projects. Service projects focus on disaster services, environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation, and urban and rural development; and may include disaster response, trail building or working with youth.
PROJECT LOCATIONS	AmeriCorps State programs are located throughout Iowa. Programs may place members locally, regionally, or statewide. A map of current service locations is available on our website.	VISTA projects are located throughout the state. Projects are designed to serve one local community or service area. A map of current service locations is available on our website.	NCCC teams serve on projects throughout their region.
ELIGIBILITY	Members must be at least 17 years old and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the U.S. Background checks are conducted with the FBI, State and National Sex Offender Registry.	Members must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident of the U.S., or a person legally residing within a state. Background checks are conducted with the FBI, State and National Sex Offender Registry.	Members must be 18 to 26 years old and be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the U.S. Background checks are conducted with the FBI, State and National Sex Offender Registry.
TERMS OF SERVICE	Full and part-time opportunities, serving various durations of up to one year, depending on the program. Most full-time positions start in the fall.	VISTA members serve with a sponsoring organization for a full year (365 days).	Terms are all full-time, either for 10 months (corps member) or 11 months (team leader). Occasionally summer-only service opportunities are available.

LIVING ALLOWANCE	Most programs provide a modest living allowance. Minimum living allowance amounts for full time members are established each year.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly. The amount is based on the cost of living in your service location.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly; this living allowance is adjusted to account for the room and board provided to members.
EDUCATION AWARD	Upon successful completion of service, members earn an education award. Members aged 55 and older at the time of enrollment may transfer their award to a child, grandchild or foster child. Members may qualify for a student loan forbearance.	Upon successful completion of service, members have a choice of an education award OR they may choose a lower value cash stipend in lieu of the education award. Members may qualify for a student loan forbearance.	Upon successful completion of service, members earn an education award. Members may qualify for a student loan forbearance. Review the Education Award FAQs for details that apply for ed awards earned in any AmeriCorps branch.
TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Members receive orientation, in-service training, and Life After AmeriCorps training. Programs identify professional development opportunities for members, including certifications and credits that support members in preparing for future careers.	Members attend a pre-service orientation prior to starting service and can access a library of training resources on the VISTA campus.	Members receive training when they arrive on campus and during their service for specific projects. All members receive training in leadership, technical skills, and teamwork and can earn college credit.
HOUSING & RELOCATION	Members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses. Members may hold other jobs while serving to help cover expenses. Members are responsible for any relocation expenses.	Members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses. Members may hold other jobs while serving to help cover expenses. Members who relocate over 50 miles to serve may be eligible for relocation assistance.	Members are provided with housing/meals and live in community with their team. Members are provided with transportation to and from their assigned campus, as well as to each service project location.
HEALTH, CHILDCARE & OTHER BENEFITS	Full-time members may receive health insurance coverage and those serving in a full-time capacity may qualify for childcare assistance.	Members receive health coverage, access to Telehealth, and may qualify for childcare assistance. Members have the option of purchasing life insurance.	Members receive limited health benefits and may qualify for assistance with off campus childcare expenses.
WHEN/HOW TO APPLY	Find the directory of Iowa AmeriCorps State programs on our website. Contact the program(s) that interest you for application deadlines and materials.	Find information about serving in Volunteer Iowa's AmeriCorps VISTA project on our website. Applications are accepted year-round.	Find application materials and position details at www.americorps.gov/nccc . Application periods are open on a rolling basis corresponding to the next member start dates.
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