

ABOUT AMERICORPS



Volunteer Florida's 1,366 AmeriCorps members serve in 27 programs at nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and government agencies across Florida.

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

AmeriCorps is a national service program that provides opportunities for participants, called "AmeriCorps members," to serve their communities. During their year of service, AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance. Upon completion of service, AmeriCorps members receive a college scholarship to help pay for college costs or student loans.



DOES AN AMERICORPS GRANT COVER ALL COSTS OF OPERATING THE PROGRAM?

A beginning match requirement of 24% is required in order to qualify for an AmeriCorps grant, which can be cash or in-kind leverage. Federal funding that is granted and administered by Volunteer Florida covers the majority of costs to support AmeriCorps members. Match requirements help to meet the operational costs associated with managing our programs.

HOW DOES AMERICORPS WORK?

Non-profits, faith-based organizations, schools and government agencies are eligible to apply and compete for funding for an AmeriCorps program. This funding is granted by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Volunteer Florida. AmeriCorps members are selected and managed by their host organization, and spend a year addressing issues most critical to the organization's mission.

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CAN AMERICORPS MEMBERS DO?

- mentoring
- tutoring
- maintain park trails
- job training
- volunteer recruitment
- community outreach
- violence prevention and awareness
- public safety
- respite care to seniors
- disability inclusion
- disaster preparedness

Full-time AmeriCorps members serve 35-40 hours per week for an entire year; half-time members serve 20-25 hours per week. AmeriCorps members also help organizations to engage the community by training and recruiting community volunteers. On average, one AmeriCorps member leverages 6-10 community volunteers.



2013 - 2014 AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

- ▶ American Red Cross of Lee County
- ▶ Big Brothers Big Sisters St Lucie-Indian River
- ▶ Branches
- ▶ Centro Campesino
- ▶ City of Orlando
- ▶ City Year, Inc. - Orlando
- ▶ City Year, Inc. - Miami
- ▶ Clearwater Police Department
- ▶ Communities In Schools of Miami
- ▶ Communities In Schools of Jacksonville
- ▶ Florida Department of Children and Families
- ▶ Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ▶ Florida State University - Campus Compact
- ▶ Goodwill Industries Big Bend, Inc.
- ▶ Hillsborough Education Foundation
- ▶ Leon County School Board
- ▶ Northwest Florida State College
- ▶ Palm Beach Literacy Coalition
- ▶ Peacemaker Family Center
- ▶ Polk Education Foundation
- ▶ School Board of Gadsden County
- ▶ Senior Friendship Centers
- ▶ Switchboard Miami - Orlando
- ▶ Teach For America - Jacksonville
- ▶ Teach for America - Miami
- ▶ The Arc of Jacksonville