



AmeriCorps Education Awards Program

What is AmeriCorps?

- AmeriCorps is a national service program initiated by President Clinton, often referred to as the “domestic Peace Corps.”
- AmeriCorps provides thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds with education awards in exchange for community service.
- Nationally, over 150,000 AmeriCorps members have helped to meet the nation’s critical needs in the areas of public safety, education, human needs, and the environment.

Education Award Primary Goal Areas:

- EDUCATION – tutoring or mentoring, group or individual instruction, life skills support
- PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY – volunteer work at non-profit hospitals, nursing homes, ER’s, rehab-centers, health clinics, etc.
- COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING – environmental work, social services, volunteer recruitment, and community outreach.

Are you Eligible?

- Must be a student at an institution of higher education in the state of Utah when enrolled.
- 17 years of age or older
- GED/Diploma (or obtain one during the year of service)
- U.S. Citizen or Resident Alien

How it works:

- Students engage in service activities and report time and progress to a sponsor.
- The hours accumulate over the course of 12 months.
- At the end of the service, students exit the program and receive the scholarship.
- There are three scholarship amounts, correlating to three different service terms:
 - 300 hours in one calendar year = \$1,000
 - 450 hours in one calendar year = \$1,250
 - 900 hours in up to two calendar years = \$2,363

Eligible Activities:

- Tutoring/mentoring K-12
- Community-based service addressing human needs
- Community work study position in local service agency
- Participating in service or service-learning activities
- Unpaid student teaching position, practicum, or fieldwork in which the student is tutoring, mentoring, or addressing unmet human needs in a community

Benefits to you:

- Voucher
- Leadership training
- Job experience and skills
- Civic education
- Resume booster
- Can be combined with work-study

How can the voucher be used?

- Pay back previous qualified student loans
- Pay current tuition at WSU by taking your voucher to the Financial Aid Office
- Hold on to the voucher for up to 7 years to pay for college, graduate school, re-certification courses, or continuing education courses.

How do I sign-up?

- First, declare your interest in the AmeriCorps Education Awards Program by going to <http://www.weber.edu/communityinvolvement> to get your preliminary application. Click on AmeriCorps and then the link called “Declare your interest in the AmeriCorps Program”
- Print the form, fill it out and submit it to the Community Involvement Center located in Library room 94.
- Our office staff will contact you regarding the next AmeriCorps training session.
- Attend the training.
- Fill out the official application and submit appropriate paperwork to contact below.

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