

AmeriCorps benefits



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Serving as an AmeriCorps National member offers several benefits. AmeriCorps National members engage directly with Habitat volunteers, homeowner families and community members to build and repair homes. They make a needed impact in one of five areas: construction, family services, volunteer services, community outreach or deconstruction.

“I have never had a calling that I was proud of enough to tell people what I did until my service with AmeriCorps at Habitat for Humanity. I am truly blessed to have had this life-changing experience.”

— Shawn Whitney, Spokane Habitat AmeriCorps in Washington

Benefits for the 2020-21 program year

- Living allowance range from \$15,570 to \$15,850 for a full 10 ½ months of service.
- Education award of \$6,195 (with a lifetime maximum of two awards). The Segal Education Award is good for

AmeriCorps VISTA

Serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA member offers several benefits. AmeriCorps VISTA members leverage human, financial and material resources to build long-term solutions to poverty. They make a needed impact in one of six roles: resource development, ReStore development, volunteer development, family services development, construction systems or project development.

“Attending a groundbreaking ceremony, it was great to see the three children and know that thanks to their new Habitat home and the work of their parents, they would have opportunities that they previously would not have dreamed of. I was proud to know that my efforts and the efforts of my colleagues make it possible.”

— Simon Hansen, West Hawaii Habitat AmeriCorps

Benefits for the 2020-21 program year

- Annual living allowance range from \$12,456 to \$24,912 determined by the service location; most locations are on the lower end of this range.

seven years from the end of service and can be used to repay qualified student loans or for future education at eligible schools. National members age 55 and older at the start of service may be eligible to transfer the award to certain family members.

- Possible forbearance or deferment of qualified student loans.
 - Health care benefit – members are eligible to enroll in an Affordable Care Act-compliant health plan.
 - Personal and medical leave days — approximately 10 total.
 - Child care benefits, if you qualify. Details can be found at americorpschildcare.com.
 - Employee Assistance Program, which offers 24/7 behavioral health support.
 - Upon completion of your service, national service alumni have access to more than 600 employers who are part of the **Employers of National Service**. This program recognizes the valuable skills gained by more than 1 million Americans who have participated in AmeriCorps.
 - Workers' compensation.
 - Upon completion of your service, you can continue to engage fellow alumni through the **Habitat AmeriCorps Community**.
- Education award of \$6,195 (with a lifetime maximum of two awards) or end of service stipend of \$1,800. The **Segal Education Award** is good for seven years from the end of service and can be used to repay qualified student loans or for future education at eligible schools.
 - Possible forbearance or deferment of qualified student loans.
 - Health care benefit – choose between reimbursement for health care or a basic health care plan. Limited dental and vision are also included. Please visit **VISTA Campus** for more details.
 - Ten personal and 10 medical leave days.
 - Child care benefits, if you qualify. Details can be found at americorpschildcare.com.
 - Employee Assistance Program, which offers 24/7 behavioral health support.
 - Upon completion of your service, national service alumni have access to more than 600 employers who are part of the **Employers of National Service**. This program recognizes the valuable skills gained by more than 1 million Americans who have participated in AmeriCorps.
 - **Noncompetitive eligibility status** for federal employment for one year after successful completion of service.
 - Relocation travel assistance for members relocating more than 50 miles to serve, including a \$750 settling-in allowance and mileage reimbursement determined by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
 - Upon completion of your service, you can continue to engage fellow alumni through the **Habitat AmeriCorps Community**.

Host sites may choose to offer additional benefits to AmeriCorps members, such as free or reduced-cost housing, grocery gift cards, transportation vouchers, payments made to rental agencies or landlords, etc.