



IOWA SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

	AmeriCorps State (more than 13 separate programs)	AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)	AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
PROGRAM FOCUS	Members serve in either groups or individually at local community-based private and public organizations. Members solve problems primarily through direct service. Service areas include youth, the environment, and other unmet needs (i.e. housing, poverty and crime; domestic violence and child abuse prevention; and legal services).	Members serve through private organizations and public nonprofit agencies, addressing issues related to poverty – such as education, public safety, housing, civil rights, and employment – by developing and mobilizing resources that create long-term sustainable benefits at a community level.	Members live in a campus environment and serve in teams to meet urgent community needs in disaster services, the environment, housing, and youth development. Teams work on projects with non-profit organizations, state and local agencies, and other community and faith-based groups.
ELIGIBILITY	Applicants must be at least 17 years old and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S.	Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. Background checks are conducted.	Applicants must be 18 to 24 years old while they serve and a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. Background checks are conducted.
SKILL REQUIREMENTS	All skills levels are needed.	All skills levels are needed. Bachelor's degree or three years of related volunteer/job experience preferred.	All skill levels are needed.
TERM OF SERVICE	Full-time for 10 months to one year. Part-time opportunities are available of various durations depending on the program.	Full-time one year (365 days). No part-time service opportunities available.	Full-time for 10 months (corps member) and 11 months (team leader). No part-time service opportunities available.
LIVING ALLOWANCE	Most programs provide a modest living allowance.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.	A modest living allowance is paid biweekly.
ROOM AND BOARD	In most cases, members are responsible for covering their own housing and meal expenses.	Members are responsible for covering their own housing and meals from their living allowance.	Members are provided with housing/meals and live in residence hall style housing on one of five campuses.
EDUCATION AWARD/STIPEND	Upon successful completion of service, full-time members receive a \$4,725 education award. Part-time members receive a prorated education award based on the successful completion of a certain number of required hours. Awards can be used to pay off qualified student loans or pay for future education expenses at qualified institutions of higher education.	Upon successful completion of service, members have a choice of a \$4,725 education award or a \$1,200 cash stipend.	Upon successful completion of service, members receive a \$4,725 education award to help pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans.



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STUDENT LOANS	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of their student loans.	Members may qualify for a forbearance (or postponement of the repayment) of student their loans.	Members may qualify for a forbearance of their student loans during their term of service.
INSURANCE AND CHILD CARE	Full-time members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance.	Members receive health coverage and may qualify for childcare assistance. Members have the option of purchasing life insurance.	Members receive health benefits as well as some assistance with off-campus child care expenses. (Children are not allowed to reside on campus with members.)
RELOCATION EXPENSES	Most programs do not pay for relocation.	Members who relocate over 50 miles to serve may be eligible for relocation assistance.	Members are provided with transportation to and from their campus.
PROJECT LOCATIONS	Program sites are located throughout Iowa. See http://www.volunteeriowa.org/ameri-corps/programs.html for a list of current program sites.	Program sites are located throughout Iowa. Search www.americorps.gov for a list of current program sites.	Members live on one of five campuses, located in Denver, CO; Perry Point, MD.; Sacramento, CA; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, IA.
TRAINING	Members receive orientation, in-service training, and end of service training as determined by each program.	Members attend a pre-service orientation, in-service training, and receive additional training as determined by each program.	Members receive training when they arrive on campus and during their service for specific projects. All members receive training in CPR, first aid, disaster relief, leadership, team building, and citizenship.
WHEN/HOW TO APPLY	Applications are accepted year-round. Apply at www.americorps.gov or call programs directly to inquire about opportunities. Refer to http://www.volunteeriowa.org/ameri-corps/programs.html for contact information.	Applications are accepted year-round. Apply at www.americorps.gov or call programs directly to inquire about opportunities.	Deadline for application are March 15 for the fall session and July 15 for the winter. Apply online at www.americorps.gov or send application to AmeriCorps NCCC Selection 1201 New York Ave, NW, 10 th flr. Washington, DC 20525
CONTACT	If you do not have access to the internet or would like an application packet, please call 800-942-2677 or 800-833-3722 (TTY).		