Is AmeriCorps for YOU?

Do you want to give back to your community?

Do you enjoy working with people, especially children and youth?

Do you need money for college or to repay a student loan?

AmeriCorps enables you to gain work experience and training while serving in the community. In ABC AmeriCorps, you serve in local schools and agencies, as well as helping with community service projects.

Who joins AmeriCorps?

• Recent high school graduates who are not yet ready to head to college
• Recent high school graduates or GED recipients who need money for college
• College students who want to gain experience and earn some money
• College graduates who want some job experience or who have student loans
• Moms (or Dads) who volunteer at their kids’ school, but want to do more
• Qualified individuals who have significant time to give to the community

Requirements to join AmeriCorps:

• Minimum of high school diploma or GED
• At least 18 (no set upper age limit)
• US citizen or legal resident of the USA
• Drug free & able to pass background checks
• Reliable transportation
• There is no income eligibility

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages thousands of Americans in a domestic Peace Corps – getting things done across America by meeting education, public safety, environmental, homeland security and other human needs. In exchange for a term of service, AmeriCorps members earn a living allowance stipend and an education award.
The AmeriCorps Benefits the Community

The AmeriCorps program, better known as ABC AmeriCorps, is a national service program sponsored by Sauk Valley Community College, two hours west of Chicago, and serving Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau, LaSalle, Livingston, Hancock, and Rock Island counties in central and northwest Illinois, predominantly rural.

The participants in this program are called “members.”

ABC AmeriCorps

Getting Things Done

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Community Strengthening

AmeriCorps members serve in community-based agencies to provide the opportunity for expansion of services. They recruit and train volunteers for public and parochial schools, and after-school programs.

Member Development

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Company (if asking about sponsorship): ___________________________

The Mission

The mission of ABC AmeriCorps is to work with children, youth, and families in education programs and community-based agencies to increase academic and life skills.

Quarter-time - Service is 450 hours, or about 15 hours a week. Participants receive a living allowance during the term of service, and an education award of $1,250. The term is mid-August to May 31.

Minimum-time - This is usually a summer option from mid-May to the end of July, but times this option is available, it will be Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00. Throughout the year, team meetings are Friday afternoon at SVCC, with two Reflection Retreats on Saturdays in February and May.

Part-time - Service is 900 hours, or about 28 hours a week. Participants receive a living allowance during the term of service, and an education award of $2,322.50. The term is mid-August to May 31.

Full-time - Service is 1,200 hours, or about 30 hours a week. Participants receive a living allowance during the term of service, and an education award of $2,322.50. The term is mid-August to May 31.

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* AmeriCorps members start the year in mid-August with a week of orientation training at SVCC. The hours that week will be Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00. Throughout the year, team meetings are Friday afternoon at SVCC, with two Reflection Retreats on Saturdays in February and May.

* This variation of this option is a work-study student who will receive the work-study wage in lieu of the living allowance. Student must be eligible for 450 hours of work study at SVCC over two semesters, and enrolled in six credit hours of regular SVCC classes per semester. This variation is the only option that requires income eligibility.

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Please return this form to: ABC AmeriCorps, SVCC, 173 Illinois Route 2, Room 3M2, Dixon, IL 61021