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## TO APPLY:

Complete an online application form at [svcc.edu/americorps](http://svcc.edu/americorps). You can also stop by our office.

All applicants will be interviewed by the Program Director or Assistants in the first instance and then if you are a good fit for AmeriCorps, the next step is an interview at an appropriate host site for your interests and talents. If the site requests you after that interview, and you pass the background checks, then you will be invited to join the program.

### Requirements to Join AmeriCorps:

- Minimum of high school diploma or GED
- At least 17 years of age
- US citizen or legal resident of the USA
- Drug free & able to pass background checks
- Reliable transportation
- No income eligibility requirement

### What Can You Use Your Education Award For?

- To repay qualified existing or future student loans
- To pay all or part of the cost of attending a qualified institution (including certain vocational programs)
- Purchase a computer or educational materials

### Who Provides Funding For AmeriCorps?

The AmeriCorps program is largely funded by a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Serve Illinois and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) oversee ABC AmeriCorps. Additional funds are supplied by Sauk Valley Community College, which is the fiscal agent, and community partners and host sites. The National Trust pays for the education award given to each member at the end of service.

### PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES WHILE ON THE CLOCK OR IN UNIFORM

- Political Activities
- Fundraising Activities
- Striking or Union Activities
- Voter Registration Drive Activities
- Religious Activities
- Abortion Related Activities



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# ABC AMERICORPS of Sauk Valley Community College



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 and an education award.

# ABC AMERICORPS

The AmeriCorps Benefits the Community Program, better known as ABC AmeriCorps, is a national service program sponsored by Sauk Valley Community College, approximately 100 miles west of Chicago. The program serves Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, Ogle, Bureau, and Henry counties in northern Illinois.

## 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.

## Who Are Members?

The participants in this program are called “members.” Members are placed in schools, after-school programs and community based agencies where they tutor and mentor children, in addition to providing assistance in the expansion of community programs.

There is no income eligibility and you do not need to be a student to serve in AmeriCorps.

## Getting Things Done

AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor students to increase the skills needed for academic improvement. In addition, members address the need to increase life skills.

## Community Strengthening

AmeriCorps members serve in community based agencies to provide the opportunity for expansion of services. They recruit and train volunteers for community service activities. Through a partnership with the American Red Cross, members can become trained to be disaster volunteers as well.

## Member Development

AmeriCorps members will increase their belief over the term of service that they can participate in and improve civic life.

## SERVICE OPTIONS:

AmeriCorps members start the year in mid-August with orientation training at SVCC. Throughout the term, members are required to attend Friday monthly meetings, fall and spring reflection retreats, and various service projects/volunteer opportunities.

The living allowance is divided equally into bi-monthly paychecks during the term of service/does not apply to work/study members.

Term	Position	Hours/week	Living Allowance	Education Award
August - May	Reduced Full-time 1200 hrs	30-33	\$9240	\$4,336.50
August - May	Half-time 900 hrs	22-25	\$6160	\$3,097.50
August - May	Reduced Half-time 675 hrs	17-19	\$4595	\$2,360.00
August - May	Quarter-time 450 hrs	12-15	\$3030	\$1,638.89
August - May	Minimum-Time 300 hrs	8-10	\$2041	\$1,311.11
Summer June - July	Minimum-Time 300 hrs	37-40	\$2041	\$1,311.11

## 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 student loans?

## What Kind of Activities Do AmeriCorps Members Participate In?

Examples include: academic, education, tutoring and mentoring activities of children, youth and families in the schools and communities. AmeriCorps can also participate in environmental, public safety, homeland security, and other human service needs community service projects. An emphasis is put on service learning activities for youth.

AmeriCorps enables you to gain work experience and training while serving in the community!

## Who Applies to AmeriCorps?

- 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
- Retired individuals