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AMERICORPS

AMERICORPS is the national service initiative signed into law by President Clinton in 1993. Through AmeriCorps*USA, AmeriCorps*VISTA, AmeriCorps*NCCC, and hundreds of related programs nationwide, thousands of Americans of all backgrounds have met community needs and earned education awards in return. AMERICORPS joins a long tradition of efforts encouraging and rewarding service dating back to America's beginning and including the Civilian Conservation Corps, the GI Bill, and the Peace Corps.

THE AMERICORPS MISSION

Getting Things Done-

Above all, AmeriCorps helps communities meet their education, public safety, human or environmental needs through service. Every AmeriCorps program becomes a powerful model for communities to apply in all of their problem-solving.

Strengthening Communities-

While we rightly celebrate the ways we differ, we also need to remember the values we share. AmeriCorps unites individuals from all different backgrounds and institutions of all different kinds in the common effort to improve our communities.

Encouraging Responsibility

AmeriCorps encourages members to explore and exercise their responsibilities to their communities, their families, and themselves in their service experience and throughout their lives.

Expanding Opportunity

AmeriCorps helps those who help America. AmeriCorps members receive awards to further their education or pay back their student loans as well as invaluable job experience, specialized training, and life skills.

NATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS

- ◆ *Education*
- ◆ *Human Needs*
- ◆ *Environment*
- ◆ *Public Safety*