

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 2018-19 program year

- Living allowance up to \$13,732 for a full 46½ weeks of service.
- Education award of \$5,920 (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 2018-19 program year

- Yearly living allowance ranging from \$12,311 to \$24,100. Note that this is determined by the service location and is subject to change; 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. More information is available [at nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward](https://nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward).

- Possible forbearance of qualified student loans. Note that interest continues to accrue, but accrued interest on qualified loans is eligible for payment by the National Service Trust.
- Health plan benefits. Members are eligible to enroll in an Affordable Care Act-compliant health plan.
- Personal and sick days — approximately 10 days total.
- Workers' compensation.
- Child care benefits, if you qualify. Details can be found [at americorpschildcare.com](https://americorpschildcare.com).
- Member Assistance Program, which offers services such as counseling and financial planning resources.
- Upon completion of your service, you become a member of our Habitat AmeriCorps alumni network.

AmeriCorps National members gain the following

- Leadership skills.
- Work and life skills that translate directly into job experience.
- The satisfaction of making a difference in their communities and country.
- The personal satisfaction of accepting challenges and seeing results.
- Teamwork, communication, problem-solving and other essential skills.

- Education award of \$5,920 (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. More information is available [at nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward](https://nationalservice.gov/resources/edaward).
- Possible forbearance of qualified student loans. Note that interest continues to accrue, but accrued interest on qualified loans is eligible for payment by the National Service Trust.
- Health plan benefits. This plan is **not** insurance and does **not** meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Members who are not legally exempt from maintaining health care coverage are expected to have primary health coverage outside of VISTA. The plan benefits provide support to existing coverage to supplement some out-of-pocket, nonpremium costs of a plan that is secured on your own. Please visit vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service#healthcare_benefit for more information.
- Ten personal and 10 sick days.
- Child care benefits, if you qualify. Details can be found [at americorpschildcare.com](https://americorpschildcare.com).
- Noncompetitive eligibility status for federal government jobs for one year after the member's service.
- Relocation allowance for members relocating more than 50 miles to serve.

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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.