

AmeriCorps State & National

More than three-quarters of AmeriCorps grant funding goes to Governor-appointed state service commissions, which in turn award and monitor grants to hundreds of nonprofit groups and agencies. The other quarter goes to national non-profits that operate in more than one state. The organizations that receive grants are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps members. Since 1999, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska has been an AmeriCorps grantee serving the state of Nebraska.



Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

Eligibility & benefits

AmeriCorps is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens age 17 and older. Members serve full or part time over a 10-to-12-month period. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive an education award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. During their service, members may be eligible to receive health insurance, personal and professional development training, and student loan deferment. Members also receive a modest annual living allowance. Members serving less than full time receive partial benefits.

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What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a national service program providing individuals an opportunity to participate in a year of service-learning. Individuals ages 17 and older dedicate one or two years of their lives to gain valuable experience and turn problems into possibilities. AmeriCorps members engage in direct service and capacity-building to address unmet community needs. AmeriCorps members also mobilize community volunteers and strengthen the capacity of the organizations where they serve. In exchange for their commitment, AmeriCorps members are eligible for a living stipend, health insurance, childcare and an education award. Members also gain valuable experience and build new skills.

What type of services do AmeriCorps members perform?

Lutheran Family Services currently has members serving in program areas including mentoring, youth enrichment programs, community development, health outreach, life skills education, immigration and refugee services, and volunteer recruitment.

Who can host an AmeriCorps member?

AmeriCorps members serving under the Lutheran Family Services grant are placed at Not-for-Profit or Faith-Based host site locations across the state of Nebraska. Members are placed at host sites whose mission and value statements are inline with those of Lutheran Family Services and the AmeriCorps program. Priority will go to organizations that address human need issues of youth and family enrichment, immigration and refugee assistance, and life skills education.

Is there a cost to hosting an AmeriCorps member?

The AmeriCorps federal grant pays for approximately two-thirds of the program cost. The host site organization must come up with the other one-third through a combination in-kind and cash match. A host site agency is responsible for a cash match for each member placed in the program, as well as in-kind contributions such as office space and supplies. In return, a host site organization receives 450 to 1700 hours of service from a member. Eligible members receive a living stipend, health and childcare benefits, and an education award.

What type of AmeriCorps positions are available at Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska?

AmeriCorps members can serve in three levels of service:

- Full Time (1700 hours/year)
- Half Time (900 hours/year)
- Quarter Time (450 hours/year)

How do I become involved with AmeriCorps?

Persons meeting the AmeriCorps eligibility requirements can contact Lutheran Family Services to request an application or complete an online version of the application at www.americorps.org. The program hires members to begin service September 1st and finish August 31st each year.

Organizations interested in serving as a host site should contact Lutheran Family Services to request an application.

To become an AmeriCorps member or AmeriCorps host site:

Call (402) 346-6100 *or* visit 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 402 in Omaha (upper level of The Center Mall, north entrance).