AmeriCorps Fact Sheet

Is your community in need of high-quality out-of-school time programming? Idaho 4-H and AmeriCorps are partnering to deliver out-of-school programs to your county.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the 2019-2020 program year to host AmeriCorps Members in one of three positions:

- Full-time = 1700 hrs
- Half-time = 900 hrs
- Quarter-time = 450 hrs

**Member Activities**

Members will provide direct service implementing 4-H PYD curriculum in STEAM based out-of-school time programming. This will be done through SPIN clubs, camps, in school enrichment, summer, and afterschool programs. Members may work directly with youth or recruit and train volunteers to work with youth. These activities may take place in a wide variety of locations including schools and community centers and partner organizations throughout the state of Idaho. Members will serve as mentors and role models, teach important life skills, and give youth positive opportunities to explore the world around them in a fun, engaging, non-formal learning environment. In addition, Members will engage new volunteers in the county programs to serve as 4-H leaders and 4-H event volunteers.

**Why AmeriCorps?**

**Cost:** Cost of a full-time corps member is far less than that of a full-time staff member. $8,000 FT, $4,000 PT, $2000 QT

**Capacity:** Members help recruit additional volunteers and create relationships with similar organizations to increase capacity and ultimately reach more of the target population as well as creating a shared sense of community.

**Transformation:** Creates the opportunity for transformative, hands-on, education experiences for both the population being served as well as the member serving

**Professional Development/Talent pipeline:** Launching point for individuals with an interest in the field. Members receive substantial professional development and leadership opportunities and get to try out a field with only one year of commitment. Many members develop a passion for the population they serve and launch a rewarding career.
What are the benefits?

**Living Stipend**-divided up and paid bi-weekly over the course of service

- FT $14,000
- HT $6,600
- QT $3,150

**Education Award**-paid upon successful completion of term

- FT $6,095
- HT $3,047
- QT $1,612

**Student Loan Forbearance** Forbearance may be requested during term of service. At the end of the term of service the total accrued interest will be paid by the Trust.

**Healthcare** Full-time members will receive healthcare coverage or a monthly reimbursement for healthcare during their term of service.

**Childcare reimbursement** The Corporation will pay additional childcare allowance for eligible members
FAQ’s

Why do I need to provide a site fee? The site fee is a requirement to be able to run the program. The site fee provides funds for managing the details of the program such as member enrollment and management, payroll, site monitoring, grant and fiscal management, and travel related to managing the program.

Are there any funds the state office can provide for these positions? Not at this time. A significant portion of the actual cost of paying and managing members is already provided with the grant from CNCS. The site fee you pay helps cover all the costs associated with the member that the grant does not cover. You can check for grants through other organizations or check with your county or commissions for funds they may have available.

Can the site fee be shared between 2 locations? Yes. We will work with sites to create a billing schedule and MOU’s that accommodate special circumstances. However, there would be some additional expenses associated with travel between sites that would need to be negotiated between the sites sharing members.

Who can be a site supervisor? Extension staff are preferred site supervisors but personnel at school districts, partner organizations such as Boys & Girls club, and community centers can serve as site supervisors.

What are my responsibilities as a site supervisor? See Scope of Work document for full details

Who can be a member? Any US citizen, 17 or over that can pass an FBI background check.

How will members be selected? Positions will be promoted through multiple online sites as well as word of mouth. Applications will be reviewed by the State Program Coordinator who will send a formal invitation to apply through MyAmeriCorps. More details regarding recruitment will be forthcoming after host-sites have been identified.

How do members get paid? Members will be paid a bi-weekly stipend through the University of Idaho. The stipend is their annual living allowance amount divided up over their term of service.

How much will members be paid? It depends upon which capacity they are serving in. See AmeriCorps Fact Sheet

Can Full-time members waive health insurance or stay on their current plan? Members may waive coverage if they are already covered on a parents or spouses plan that meets the minimum essential coverage as defined by the Affordable Care Act. Some members may be eligible for coverage under Medicaid.

How long do members serve? Members service term will vary by program. Hours must be completed within an 11-month term from September to August.

When can members start? Start date will vary by program and depends upon whether members are serving FT, HT, or QT but will be no earlier than September 1, 2019. Please work with the State Program Coordinator to discuss start dates to ensure your members will be able to meet their service hours during the 11-month term.