



VCU AmeriCorps Positions and Benefits

Positions & Service sites

We recommend researching our service partners prior to application submission. If you have a particular service site preference, please be sure to highlight academic, community service, athletic, and/or professional experience that demonstrate alignment with that organization.

Service Sites

Service location	Target Population	Academic Areas	Program hours	Website
Blue Sky Fund (BSF)	3-5	Environmental Science	9am -1pm	http://blueskyfund.org/
Boy and Girls Club of Metro Richmond (BGCMR)	K-5	Reading	3pm-8pm	http://www.bgcmr.org/
Friends Association for Children (FA)	Pre K-5	Reading	3pm-7pm	http://friendsassoc.org/
Higher Achievement (HA)	Middle School	Reading/Math	2pm-5pm	http://higherachievement.org/
Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club (SABGC)	K-2	Reading	4pm-8pm	http://virginiasalvationarmy.org/richmondva/programs/boys-girls-club/
St. Andrew's School (SAS)	K-5	Reading	7am—6pm	http://www.st-andrews-school.org/
YMCA of Greater Richmond	K-5	Reading	3:30pm-6:30pm	http://www.ymcarichmond.org/

It is highly recommended that all AmeriCorps applicants remain open to alternative placements. Although preferences will be taken into consideration, we are interested in finding the candidates that best suit our service sites and the program. Being flexible and having openness to alternative placements enables us to find the right candidate for positions and encourage skill development in members.

AmeriCorps Positions

<u>Position Type</u>	<u>Total Contracted Hours</u>	<u>Living Stipend; Education Award</u>	<u>Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Service Sites</u>
Quarter-Time	450	\$3320; \$1527.78	15	September-June	BGCMR, FA, HA, SBGC, Y
Reduced Half-Time	675	\$4975; \$2,200	20	September-June	FA, BSF, SBGC
Half-Time	900	\$6650; \$2887.5	25	September-June	HA, SAS
Full-Time	1700	12750; \$5,775	35	September-August	BGCMR, SAS, Y

Schedule Commitment

The majority of sites need members to support their program daily, Monday-Friday. At sites where programming is open to varied days, members must be available to serve at least 3 days per week. Schedules should be consistent for both fall and spring semesters. Our students need consistent members for the duration of their school year. It is critical that members understand they will need to keep their AmeriCorps commitment in mind for both fall and spring semesters.

Holiday and Break Policy

Members have the opportunity to take scheduled breaks around the holidays and may submit requests for holiday or special occasion absences. Policies concerning attendance and scheduled breaks are reviewed in detail during the preservice orientation. Members who are VCU students are permitted to take their VCU breaks; however, this must be clearly communicated in advance to the program and service sites.

AmeriCorps Benefits

Living Stipend

The AmeriCorps stipend is paid in equal installments every two weeks for the duration of enrollment. The stipend is taxed. This isn't a lot to live on but experience has shown that members are able to live in the Richmond area on the stipend, especially if members choose to live in shared housing. Members are allowed to take part time jobs as long as the job doesn't conflict with service priorities. Many members find they are able to live modestly on the stipend without the need to find outside employment.

Education Award

Upon satisfactory program completion members receive the [Eli Segal education award](#). This is awarded through my.americorps.gov and can be used on qualifying loans and Title IV institutions. If a member is 55 or older this award may be transferred to a child (including step child), foster child, or grandchild (including step grandchild).

Deferments of Qualified Student Loans

The federal government will pay the interest on qualified loans for the year members are in are in-service.

Food Assistance

AmeriCorps members are eligible for SNAP (food stamp) benefits. All the information needed to apply for these benefits will be provided during the preservice training. Members are also encouraged to visit the [RamPantry](#) should additional resources be necessary.

Additional Full-Time Benefits

Health Insurance

VCU AmeriCorps offers health insurance with an affordable prescription plan that is Affordable Care Act compliant. In depth health insurance information is provided to members during preservice orientation. The coverage will begin on the first day of preservice training should the member choose to accept the benefit.

Childcare

The AmeriCorps Child Care Benefit Program is available for qualified, active, full-time AmeriCorps members who need the benefit to serve. For more information about this offering, visit <https://www.americorpschildcare.com/>.