

What is the AmeriCorps Program?

AmeriCorps is a national service program initiated by President Clinton, often referred to as the “domestic Peace Corps.” AmeriCorps provides thousands of Americans of all ages and backgrounds with education awards in exchange for community service. There are full-time and part-time AmeriCorps programs. Nationally, over 150,000 AmeriCorps members have helped to meet the nation’s critical needs in the areas of public safety, education, human needs, and the environment.

UCAN Serve is a part-time AmeriCorps program, designed specifically for college students. To learn more about AmeriCorps programs visit the website at www.americorps.org.

What do AmeriCorps members do?

In the Intermountain West, the work that AmeriCorps members do is as diverse as the individuals themselves. AmeriCorps members can serve in three different goal areas: building learning partnerships, improving public health and safety, and addressing other unmet human needs. Individuals may tutor and mentor K-12 children and teens, recruit and train volunteers, develop plans to revitalize neighborhoods and the environment, serve in community health organizations, develop and promote service programs on campus, and develop partnerships with local community agencies. As an AmeriCorps member you may attend statewide workshops and conferences and participate in leadership training and service events.

If you are already involved in service work, school-related fieldwork, clinicals or student teaching, AmeriCorps is a natural fit.

What does an AmeriCorps member receive?

In exchange for valuable campus-community service, AmeriCorps members receive a monetary award that can be applied to school loans or to finance undergraduate and graduate school, or vocational training. The amount of the award depends on the length of service. As a member in the Colorado State University UCAN Serve Education Award program, you have three award choices, so no matter what your schedule, completing service is manageable and fun. The award for 300 hours of service in one calendar year is \$1,000, 450 hours of service in one calendar year is \$1,250 and 900 hours of service in two calendar years is \$2,363.

Benefits beyond the education award!

- ❖ Leadership Training
- ❖ Job experience and skills
- ❖ Civic Education
- ❖ Resume Booster
- ❖ No student loans while you are serving