

# WANT TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY?

**If you have a noble, patriotic heart and want to serve your country, here are a few great ways to do it without risking your life**

## **AmeriCorps: Are you up to the challenge?**

You decide where and how to serve. Each year, more than 40,000 members serve with programs in every state in the nation.

You can tutor kids in your own community, or build new homes for families far away from your home. Restore coastlines or help families traumatized by domestic violence.

**Joining AmeriCorps is your chance to put your ideals into action while learning new skills and making new connections that will last you a lifetime.**

You'll learn teamwork, communication, responsibility, and other essential skills that will help you for the rest of your life.

Housing and food are provided during your service.

**[www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)**

**(800) 942-2677**

## **Education Works-AmeriCorps Volunteer Program**

**3149 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19133**

215-221-6900, Ext 6936 Veretta Tony or Ext 6913 Mrs Sang.

<http://www.educationworks-online.org/getinvolved/joinAC.asp>

As an EducationWorks AmeriCorps member you'll gain:

- \* Memorable experiences
- \* Highly-developed skills
- \* A strong sense of community
- \* A new challenge every day

If you want to serve in AmeriCorps in Philadelphia, Education Works will help you.

The main purpose of this volunteer program is to have individuals with a noble patriotic mind and heart apply to carry out community service work in schools (elementary, middle and high) for example.

If you are ready to answer the call and are looking for a more fulfilling experience than the typical 9 to 5 job, then AmeriCorps and EducationWorks may be for you.

AmeriCorps members are paid a stipend for their services through-out the period of their service contract and full time members are eligible for education grants. The education award currently is \$5,300 for a completed year of full-time service. A member has up to seven years after his or her term of service in AmeriCorps has ended to claim the education award. Housing and food are provided during your service.

The first thing someone who is interested in such a volunteer program will need to do is submit an application online or call Education Works at 3149 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19133, Telephone (215) 221-6900

**City Year Greater Philadelphia**  
**2221 Chestnut Street 2nd Floor**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19103**  
**(267) 386-7035**

*YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.*

--Mahatma Gandhi

We're looking for you if you want to give back and are ready to change the world.

City Year unites talented and diverse 17-24 year olds for a demanding year of full-time community service and leadership development. During the year, they receive a weekly stipend, and develop leadership skills

A year of service is challenging and tiring, but also rewarding and fulfilling. While there is no typical corps member background, all corps members must have the ability to work on a team, develop leadership skills and be ready to commit 10 months of full-time service for children and communities across the country.

To participate, you must:

- Have a high school diploma, or be willing to earn a GED.
- Be able to dedicate 10 months to full-time service
- Be between the ages of 17 and 21
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident alien
- Agree to a background or security check

Previous experiences with service, tutoring, mentoring and leadership help strengthen candidacy.

Corps members can earn an education award of up to \$5300 upon completion of year of volunteer service towards further education.

Learn more at: (267) 386-7035.

## **Student Conservation Corps**

<http://www.thesca.org/serve>

Phone: 1-603-543-1700 ext 499 or ext 165

*Ask for information about the corps.*

Nature's on the line. Our national parks, forests and other public lands need care and protection. Your skills, your knowledge, and your commitment can make a difference. Conservation Corps volunteers & interns spend 3-12 months living and working with others on critical conservation projects such as restoring wilderness, wildfire management, trail restoration, and providing environmental education. **Expenses are paid**, the work and the friendships are real, and the benefits to our world are undeniable. You need to be 18 or over.

If you volunteer for 6-12 months you get \$160 a week and health benefits. (Note: In addition, if you volunteer for a Conservation Corps AmeriCorps team project, you can earn up to \$5300 after a year of service for future college expenses.)

Do you like the outdoors? Are you in good physical shape?

The student conservation corps is a great opportunity to give back while you learn from the land on the land. Teamwork. Leadership. This is real get-your-hands-dirty conservation.

# Helping People Around the World

- **SCI-LTV USA** International Volunteer Service [www.sciint.org](http://www.sciint.org)
- **AFS-USA** Intercultural Programs [www.afsc.org/usa](http://www.afsc.org/usa)
- **Operation Crossroads Africa** [www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org](http://www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org)
- **Outward Bound** (for those seeking a physical and mental challenge.) For example, go to a beautiful island nation like Sri Lanka and build schools. They help low-income volunteers cover expenses. [www.outwardbound.org](http://www.outwardbound.org)

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Giving your time and energy to building better communities is a great way to show you love your country.