



# LIVE THE MISSION . . . MAKE A DIFFERENCE EARN MONEY FOR GRAD SCHOOL!

## JOIN THE SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE AMERICORPS PROGRAM!

When you join AmeriCorps, you live the mission of Springfield College by becoming a leader in strengthening the city's neighborhoods and providing high-quality services to area residents.

The Springfield College AmeriCorps Program provides direct services throughout the city in the areas of education, youth development, health care, and other human-service needs. Eighty-five graduate students are placed in public schools, community centers, hospitals, and other community-based organizations, where they serve part-time during the academic year.

Graduate students from all academic programs are welcome to apply. In some cases, AmeriCorps placements may be combined with the member's academic practicum or fieldwork. Members will serve in one of five areas, based on the best match between the organization's service need and the member's knowledge and skills.

### **SERVICE AREAS**

#### ***Academic Coaching***

Members will provide students from Springfield public schools with in-class and out-of-class academic coaching in an effort to increase school performance. Members will serve with classroom teachers or coaches to provide academic support and mentoring to students in grades K-12. During the program year, we will partner with agencies such as the Springfield Public Schools, Square One, and the Massachusetts Career Development Institute.

#### ***Health Counseling/Case Management***

Under the direct supervision of an experienced professional, members studying to be licensed clinicians in appropriate fields will provide individuals with physical and mental health counseling and case management, health screenings, and wellness guidance. During the program year we will partner with organizations such as Brightside for Families and Children, Providence Behavioral Health, Mercy Hospital, Baystate Medical Center, Square One, and Behavioral Health Network.

#### ***In-School Counseling/Case Management***

Under the direct supervision of an experienced professional, members studying to be licensed clinicians will provide in-school counseling, advisement, and outreach to Springfield public school students in grades K-12.

#### ***Capacity Building***

Members will serve to recruit, train, support, or manage non-participant volunteers at on-campus and off-campus partner sites. In addition, members will provide support and training for expanded use of service-learning by faculty at the College and partnering schools. During the program year we will partner with agencies such as the YMCA Relations Office, Springfield School Volunteers, and Springfield College's Office of Student Volunteer Programs.

#### ***Youth Leadership Development***

In coordination with the Leaders in Academics, Community Engagement, and Service (LACES) program, members will provide after-school and summer character and youth leadership development training and guidance. These activities may include academic coaching, cultural experiences, or recreational activities.

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## MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Living Allowance:** Part-time members will receive a living allowance of up to \$5,770 (before taxes) paid monthly at \$641.12 per month.
- **Education Award:** Upon successful completion of 900 hours of service, part-time members will receive a \$2,362.50 Education Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This voucher can be applied toward qualified student loans or future tuition and is valid for seven years.
- **Worker's Compensation:** In the event of injury during service, members are eligible for Worker's Compensation.
- **Loan Forbearance/Interest Accrual:** AmeriCorps members may request forbearance on qualified student loans, postponing their loan payments during the term of service. The National Service Trust will repay a portion of the interest accrued on qualified loans during the term of service.

## MEMBER SELECTION

Through a written application and personal interview process, students will be chosen to serve as part-time AmeriCorps members. The selection criteria include: high moral and ethical standards; commitment to lifelong learning and community service; and appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in the service need area.

## MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

Members are required to:

- complete at least 900 hours of service and training.
- attend a three-day orientation.
- attend a monthly member meeting.
- attend the midyear training.
- maintain good academic standing.
- assist with Humanics in Action Day.
- develop an additional team service project to be completed during the year.
- participate in Opening Day, the annual kick-off of the AmeriCorps service year.
- submit weekly journal entries.

## HOW TO APPLY

For additional information and/or application materials, please contact the AmeriCorps Program Office at 413-748-3403 or [AmeriCorps@spfldcol.edu](mailto:AmeriCorps@spfldcol.edu), or visit [http://www.spfldcol.edu/home.nsf/ameri-corps\\_home.html](http://www.spfldcol.edu/home.nsf/ameri-corps_home.html).

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*Created in 1993 as a part of the **Corporation for National and Community Service**, AmeriCorps engages more than 70,000 Americans each year. Members serve in more than 2,100 nonprofit public agencies and faith-based organizations meeting critical needs in education, health, public safety, and the environment ([www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)).*

*Serving as the state commission on community service, the **Massachusetts Service Alliance** generates an ethic of service throughout the Commonwealth by creating and supporting diverse, high-quality service and volunteer opportunities for all age groups, resulting in stronger communities and more active citizens ([www.mass-service.org](http://www.mass-service.org)).*

*Springfield College does not discriminate in admissions or employment policies and practices on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, color, religion, national origin, disability or status as a veteran.*

*Springfield College is committed to providing equal educational opportunity and full participation in college programs and activities for persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are provided for persons with documented disabilities on the basis of need. Reasonable accommodations are available for applicants during the interview process and for members at their service sites.*