



Yavapai County AmeriCorps Project

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AmeriCorps is a U.S. federal government program that was created under President Bill Clinton by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The work done by AmeriCorps members ranges from public education to environmental clean-up.

AmeriCorps is a division of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Collectively, three programs represent a total of more than 2 million members in service each year. AmeriCorps itself is split into three main divisions, including AmeriCorps State and National, VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), and NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps). More than 70,000 individuals currently join AmeriCorps annually, totaling more than 500,000 past and current members since 1994. Research has illustrated that AmeriCorps programs have a variety of effects on civic education, education, and public service.

How is AmeriCorps different than VISTA? AmeriCorps projects and members are typically focused on large outcomes and there is less emphasis on organizational capacity building and sustainability as found in VISTA. AmeriCorps members will primarily participate in the direct services of an organization (i.e. direct tutoring, trail development). For full details, please review the included PowerPoint presentation and visit americorps.gov .

Who Can Apply:

- Public, private, or faith-based nonprofit organizations
- Local, state, or federal agencies
- Or any combination of the above

All applications should be responsive to organizational need and clearly express the organization's ability to manage an AmeriCorps member. Each organization's project will be evaluated individually. Project applications should reflect your organizations unique culture and opportunities.

AmeriCorps Application Process and Steps to a Winning Application:

Understanding AmeriCorps: Visit our website, www.ycvp.org, and the AmeriCorps website at www.AmeriCorps.gov and learn about our projects and work being done in Yavapai County and across America. Further, understand how AmeriCorps members bring enthusiasm and commitment to the organizations where they serve - helping sponsors deliver better services in the community and for people in need.

Download the Application: Available in this email, and for download on our website, www.ycvp.org . This short application will ask your organization to detail how and why you wish to engage in National Service at this time. These applications should be tailored to the needs of your organization.

Submit the Application and Attached Paperwork by the Deadline: 1st Application Deadline is Thursday, November 12, 2009. The 2nd Application Deadline is Thursday, November 19th, 2009. Submit to Maggie Garvey, at mgarvey@ycvp.org, and Christina Dickinson, at cdickinson@ycvp.org

Wait for Announcements: AmeriCorps awards and announcements will be made no later than Tuesday, December 1st , 2009.

Why Now? For decades, National Service programs have worked in our most vulnerable communities, providing hope and help to people facing economic and social needs. Today, as the economic downturn puts millions of Americans at risk, **we need National Service and volunteering more than ever.**

The Yavapai County AmeriCorps Project (YCAP) is part of a county-wide AmeriCorps and VISTA initiative in operation since 2006 recently renamed SERVE. SERVE began as a collaborative of service providers creating mutually beneficial project plans for organizations in Yavapai County.

How does the recruitment process work? Our application process is highly competitive. We only look for the best and the brightest of AmeriCorps applicants. At the Yavapai County AmeriCorps Project, we spend a lot of time fostering projects, building community relationships, and earning community trust. We are selective about our AmeriCorps members as we look for people who are in-line with our mission and vision, and who understand the importance of community building and social change.

Our candidate interview process has three phases. First, the AmeriCorps applicant must apply online on the AmeriCorps recruitment site (www.americorps.gov). Once the application is received, someone within SERVE will contact the applicant to schedule a first-round interview. If the initial interview goes well, SERVE will contact the applicant within a week to schedule a second-round interview with the supervisor of the specific project and YCAP staff.

For more details please contact YCAP Member Manager, Christina Dickinson or YCAP Program Director Margaret Garvey.