

11.9 AMERICORPS* NCCC OVERVIEW



Service through Teamwork

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women age 18–24. Members live on one of five campuses, located in Denver, Colorado; Sacramento, California; Perry Point, Maryland; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, Iowa.

The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. In partnership with nonprofit organizations, state and local agencies, and faith-based and other community organizations, members complete service projects throughout the region they are assigned.

Drawn from the successful models of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s and the U.S. military, AmeriCorps NCCC is built on the belief that civic responsibility is an inherent duty of all citizens and that national service programs work effectively with local communities to address pressing needs.

How AmeriCorps NCCC Works

AmeriCorps NCCC requires an intensive, 10-month commitment. Members serve in teams of ten to twelve and are assigned to projects throughout the region served by their campus. They are trained in CPR, first aid, public safety, and other skills before beginning their first service project.

Each year, AmeriCorps NCCC engages teams of members in projects in communities across the United States. Service projects, which typically last from six to eight weeks, address critical needs in education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet needs. Members tutor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other local needs.

Who Can Apply to Host an AmeriCorps NCCC Team?

- Community-based organizations—both faith-based and secular
- National nonprofits
- Schools
- Cities and towns
- National and state parks
- Indian tribes

Sponsoring organizations request the assistance of AmeriCorps NCCC teams by submitting a project application to the regional campus that covers that organization's state. The campuses provide assistance in completing the application, developing a work plan, and preparing the project sponsor for the arrival of the AmeriCorps NCCC team.

AmeriCorps NCCC Regional Campuses

AmeriCorps NCCC has five regional campuses located in Perry Point, MD; Denver, CO; Sacramento, CA; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, IA. These campuses are the hubs from which AmeriCorps NCCC operates and deploys corps members to service projects around the country. Each campus serves as a headquarters for its multi-state region and can lodge and feed its entire regional corps, which ranges in size from 150 to 500 members.

The staffs at the campuses support both the corps members and project sponsors as they engage in service activities.

All corps members and team leaders live and work on campus for the duration of their training at the beginning of each corps year, as well as for transition weeks between project rounds. Campuses start at various times throughout the year to ensure that there are enough trained AmeriCorps members available to respond to national and regional disasters.

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