



AmeriCorps



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is AmeriCorps?

- AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps Volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.

2. What are the eligibility requirements for AmeriCorps programs?

- AmeriCorps State and National: Must be 17 years old, a U.S. citizen, and U.S. national or lawful permanent resident. No experience needed.
- Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA): Must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident. Some college or a degree is preferred.

3. What programs are available through the City of Las Vegas?

- AmeriCorps State and National
 - Batteries Included and Batteries Included Next-Gen
 - Community Navigators
 - Government and Community Affairs
 - Reinvent Schools Las Vegas (RSLV)
 - Strong Future Technology Training Center
 - Strong Start Go Mobile Pre-K
 - Strong Start Academy Elementary School
 - Youth Fire Prevention Program
- AmeriCorps VISTA
 - Chronic Absenteeism Program Assistant VISTA
 - Community Schools Program Assistant VISTA
 - Early Childhood Education Program Assistant VISTA
 - Workforce Development Program Assistant VISTA

4. What are the terms and stipends for these programs?

- AmeriCorps State and National terms range from 10 to 12 months, with stipends varying based on the number of service hours.
 - A 900-hour position offers a stipend of up to \$15,767 for 10 months, while a 1200-hour position offers up to \$20,020 for 12 months.
 - Education awards are also provided upon successful completion. A 900-hour position offers an education award of \$3,697.50, while a 1200-hour position offers \$5,176.50.
 - For more information about the Education Award click [here](#).

- AmeriCorps VISTA term is 12 months
 - The stipend is \$957.46 bi-weekly.
 - The Volunteer can choose between the Education Award of \$7,395 or a post-service cash stipend of \$1,800
 - For more information about the Education Award or the post-service cash stipend click [here](#).

5. How do I apply?

- There are two ways to show your interest or to apply for our AmeriCorps programs:
 - Fill out the [Interest Form](#).
 - Send your resume to AmeriCorps@LasVegasNevada.gov and specify your program of interest.

6. Do I need transportation?

- AmeriCorps Volunteers are assigned to a variety of service sites. Some positions require travel between sites. RTC bus passes are available upon request. Our programs do not have a work from home policy.

7. What background checks are required?

- An FBI fingerprint check, a drug test, and a Live Scan fingerprint for a sexual offender registry check are all required. Disqualifying factors include being a registered sex offender, having a conviction for murder, or refusal to undergo a background check.

8. Can a high school senior or recent high school graduate apply?

- Yes! AmeriCorps is a great way to gain professional skills, life skills, and work experience. Pre-service orientation and training is provided, as well as, monthly professional development opportunities.

9. Can I apply for more than one program?

- You can only serve in one program per term but may apply for different programs in subsequent terms.

10. Are there any tips for applying?

- Specify your areas of interest when submitting your resume or filling out the interest form. This will help us to place you in the appropriate pool of interested candidates. Please check your email regularly, as it is our primary method of communication.



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For more information or to apply, contact the City of Las Vegas AmeriCorps program at AmeriCorps@LasVegasNevada.gov or call 702-229-2609.



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Position Description Overviews

AmeriCorps State and National

- **Batteries Included and Batteries Included Next-Gen**
 - [The Batteries Included \(BI\)/BI NextGen](#) initiative is a pre-teen and teen leadership program serving middle and high school teens in Las Vegas and works to ensure participants reach their greatest potential, by providing out of school educational and life skills activities.
- **Community Navigators**
 - The Community Navigator Program connects students, families, and community members to resources and service providers in some of Las Vegas' highest need communities.
- **Government and Community Affairs**
 - The Community Affairs Ambassador supports the Community Engagement Officer in various capacities to enhance engagement with all communities with the purpose of increasing community participation in city programming and facilitating access of city resources and services for all.
- **ReInvent Schools Las Vegas (RSLV)**
 - [ReInvent Schools Las Vegas \(RSLV\)](#) improves academic excellence for every child by creating a strong collective culture among students, families, and educators to ensure academic achievement and lifelong success for every child.
 - **Chronic Absenteeism Mentor**
 - Chronic Absenteeism Mentors work with chronically absent students to address the barriers keeping them from coming to school each day to K-5 students at 16 elementary schools. Volunteers will work with the assigned school staff to build and maintain a caseload of at least 20 students per school. Students will have been identified by school leadership as needing support to be successful in school, and Volunteers will assist students to improve their attendance, behavior, and course performance.
 - **Literacy Tutor**
 - Literacy tutors will provide literacy enrichment activities to 20-30 students identified as being at risk for reading failure. Volunteers will work with the principal, learning strategists, teachers and RSLV Literacy Coach to determine tutoring needs and ensure that each student receives 30 minute literacy tutoring sessions two times per week. Volunteers will work with teachers and school staff to create and facilitate academic events and learning activities, and provide one-on-one tutoring during school.
 - **Nutrition Mentor**
 - Nutrition Mentors provide nutrition and wellness interventions after-school to K-5 students at 16 RSLV elementary schools. Volunteers will provide physical activity and nutrition curriculum interventions to participants in the Safekey program and ReInvent Afterschool Program (RAP). Volunteers will lead groups of kids in physical fitness and

nutrition/health education activities, and health-promotion activities for families, establish healthy eating habits and how to choose healthy snacks/meals.

- **Strong Future Technology Training Center**
 - [The Strong Future Technology Training Center](#) at the Historic Westside School Campus opens the door for opportunities to provide workforce development and technology training to individuals to prepare them for in demand tech careers.
- **Strong Start Go Mobile Pre-K**
 - [Strong Start GO! Mobile Pre-K Academies](#) offers children and families' free high-quality, early-education programming including family engagement workshops and activities.
- **Strong Start Academy Elementary School**
 - [Strong Start Academy Elementary School](#) is a public charter school whose mission is to provide equitable, high quality bilingual academics as we prepare our civic-minded thinkers to maximize their potential in their community and the world.
- **Youth Fire Prevention Program**
 - The mission of the Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Program is to identify youth who are misusing fire and to provide prompt intervention, including referrals as necessary, to reduce the incidence of youth-set fires.

AmeriCorps VISTA

- **Chronic Absenteeism Program Assistant VISTA**
 - The Chronic Absenteeism Program Assistant VISTA tackles chronic absenteeism by identifying attendance barriers and creating targeted strategies to re-engage students and families. Through data tracking, collaboration, and direct support, it helps students reconnect to school and improve long-term academic outcomes.
- **Community Schools Program Assistant VISTA**
 - The Community Schools Program Assistant VISTA strengthens literacy outcomes for K–5 students in high-need communities by expanding and enhancing community school programming. Through data-driven evaluation, partnership building, and family engagement, it improves school readiness, academic success, and long-term opportunity for students experiencing poverty.
- **Early Childhood Education Program Assistant VISTA**
 - The Early Childhood Education Program Assistant VISTA will improve kindergarten readiness, reduce barriers to childcare, and support economic mobility by increasing families' ability to enter and remain in the workforce. This role will advance a two-generation approach to poverty alleviation by improving school readiness for young children while simultaneously increasing families' access to the childcare supports necessary for economic mobility.
- **Workforce Development Program Assistant VISTA**
 - The Workforce Development Program Assistant VISTA strengthens workforce, youth, and community programs by building smart data systems that track impact and surface opportunities for growth. It turns insights into action, guiding strategy, equity efforts, and continuous improvement.



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