



# 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 members 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](http://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
  - Strong Start Go Mobile Pre-K
  - Strong Start Academy Elementary School
  - Reinvent Schools Las Vegas (RSLV)
  - Batteries Included and Batteries Included Next-Gen
  - Strong Future Technology Program
  - Community Navigators
  - Government and Community Affairs
  - Youth Fire Prevention Program
- AmeriCorps VISTA
  - Chronic Absenteeism Program Assistant VISTA
  - Community Schools 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 9 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 nine 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 \$814 bi-weekly.
  - The member 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](mailto:AmeriCorps@LasVegasNevada.gov) and specify your program of interest.

6. Do I need transportation?

- Not necessarily. Some positions require travel between schools. RTC bus passes are available upon request.

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 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 member professional development opportunities.

9. Can I apply for more than one program?

- You can serve in one program per term but may apply for different programs in subsequent terms, with up to four terms of service allowed.

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.



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