### AmeriCorps Goals

#### **Getting Things Done**

Through direct service, AmeriCorps members meet the needs in the community by working in the areas of education, public safety, environment, human needs, and homeland security.

#### Strengthening Communities

AmeriCorps brings together Americans from all ages and backgrounds in a common effort to improve our communities.

#### **Encouraging Responsibility**

AmeriCorps service encourages members to explore and exercise their responsibilities toward their communities, their families and themselves.

#### **Expanding Opportunities**

AmeriCorps service enables members to enhance job skills and life experience as well as providing opportunities for employment in a rewarding field.

### AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America – to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier. I will bring America together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere. I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond. I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will *Get Things Done!* 

# For More Information

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## What is AmeriCorps?

Since 1994, more than 1.1 million members have served in AmeriCorps. Members contribute to critical community needs by providing assistance to millions of Americans to meet demands in education, public safety, heath, poverty, responding to disasters, sustaining parks, public lands and the environment.

AmeriCorps is a national service program which allows team members to gain service experience and knowledge through hands-on participation in a variety of projects.

Our grant is designed for long-term benefits to natural resources, recreational opportunities, and public awareness of the outdoors.



### **Member Requirements**

- Must be 17 years of age or older
- Must have or be currently studying to earn a High School Diploma/GED
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a Legal Resident
- Pass a background check
- Possess a strong desire for service
- Must commit to serving one of the following terms:
  - Full-Time 1700 Hours
  - Part-Time 900 Hours
  - Quarter-Time 450 Hours
  - Minimum-Time 300 Hours

#### Benefits Members of the KOAAT receive numerous benefits including:

#### Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

Members who successfully complete their service term are reward an education award based on the number of hours they served.

Full-Time	1700 Hours	\$6,495
Part-Time	900 Hours	\$3,247
Quarter-Time	450 Hours	\$1,718
Minimum-Time	300 Hours	\$1,374

The education award may be used to pay off qualified school loans or authorized college costs. Individuals have seven years to use their education award. Members 55 and older also have the option to transfer the award to a child, step-child, fosterchild, grandchild or step-grandchild.

## Living Allowance

Members are also eligible to receive a bi-weekly living allowance also based off the hours served.

Full-Time	1700 Hours	\$739
Part-Time	900 Hours	\$409
Quarter-Time	450 Hours	\$300
Minimum-Time	300 Hours	\$375

## **Full-Time Benefits**

Members serving in full-time positions are also able to receive health insurance coverage and childcare subsidies.

## Additional Benefits Include

- Make a difference in other people's lives
- Improve the environment
- Develop skills and knowledge that will help you in your future career



## **Member Projects**

KOAAT Members have the opportunity to take part in a variety of park projects ranging from environmental stewardship to educational programming. Some projects include:

- Environmental restoration
- Recreation development
- Expanding Park Access
- Presentation of environmental and outdoorrelated programs to the public
- Assisting with Park Special Events
- Disaster response
- Improving wildlife habitat and the environment

