

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## SERVING AND EXPLORING

There are many programs that provide you the experience to serve your community and country. A few are listed below.

### **AMERICORPS PROGRAMS:** <http://www.AmeriCorps.org/>

Do you see yourself being a hero for your country? If so, one-way is to become a member of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a civilian organization that provides many opportunities to serve while you are learning skills and earning money for college.

There are literally thousands of AmeriCorps options, many of them right near you. According to the AmeriCorps website, there are 86 programs in Wisconsin. The benefits are the same whether you are tutoring kids in the city or building hiking trails in the wilderness, so take the time to find a program that will utilize your talents and skills. Many nonprofits have at least one or two AmeriCorps paid service opportunities. Ask a local organizations that you like if they have an AmeriCorps slot, search the website at [http://www.americorps.org/for\\_individuals/ready/find.asp](http://www.americorps.org/for_individuals/ready/find.asp), or call 800/942-2677. Requirements: US citizen or legal residents; at least 17 years old, requirements vary by program Pay: Modest living allowance, \$4,725 Education award after completion of program, which can be used for up to seven years after your term of service ends to help pay for higher education or pay off.

### **AMERICORPS\*NATIONAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP (NCCC)**

<http://www.americorps.org/about/programs/nccc.asp>

Who: Young adults (ages 18-24) who are committed to 1700 hours of service; US citizen or legal resident; additional requirements may be required by each program. What: AmeriCorps\*NCCC is a residential, team-based, national service initiative that engages young adults ages 18 to 24 in full-time service. Members perform team-based service projects in: environment, education, public safety, unmet needs, homeland security, and disaster relief .Pay: Member receive a living allowance of approximately \$4,000 for the 10 months of service (about \$200 every two weeks before taxes), housing, meals, limited medical benefits, up to \$400 a month for childcare (if necessary), member uniforms and an education award of \$4,725 upon successful completion of the program. (Members may receive money to help with childcare expenses; however, children may NOT live on campus.)

Where: Wi residents go to Denver, CO. Call 800/942-2677 for more information.

### **AmeriCorps Vista:** <http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp>

AmeriCorps\*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

VISTA Volunteers can work at such places in Wisconsin: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, Boys and Girls Clubs, Frances Starms Centers, Habitat Digital Bridge Initiative, Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Scores (soccer, poetry, and service learning), and many more! Visit the website or call 800/942-2677 for more information! and many, many more.

**PUBLIC ALLIES** (part of AmeriCorp) <http://www.publicallies.org/Milwaukee.aspx>

Who: Youth (aged 18-30) committed to strengthening communities.

What: An AmeriCorp program dedicated to strengthening community through economic justice, youth development, community development, and more

Description: A 10-month program of leadership training, team service, and paid, professional internships in community nonprofit organizations. Pay: A monthly stipend of about \$1,500, health insurance, childcare, interest-freestudent loan deferment, and a post-service education award of \$4,725. Where: 611 W. National Ave., Suite 314 Milwaukee, WI 53204 414/383-8274

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