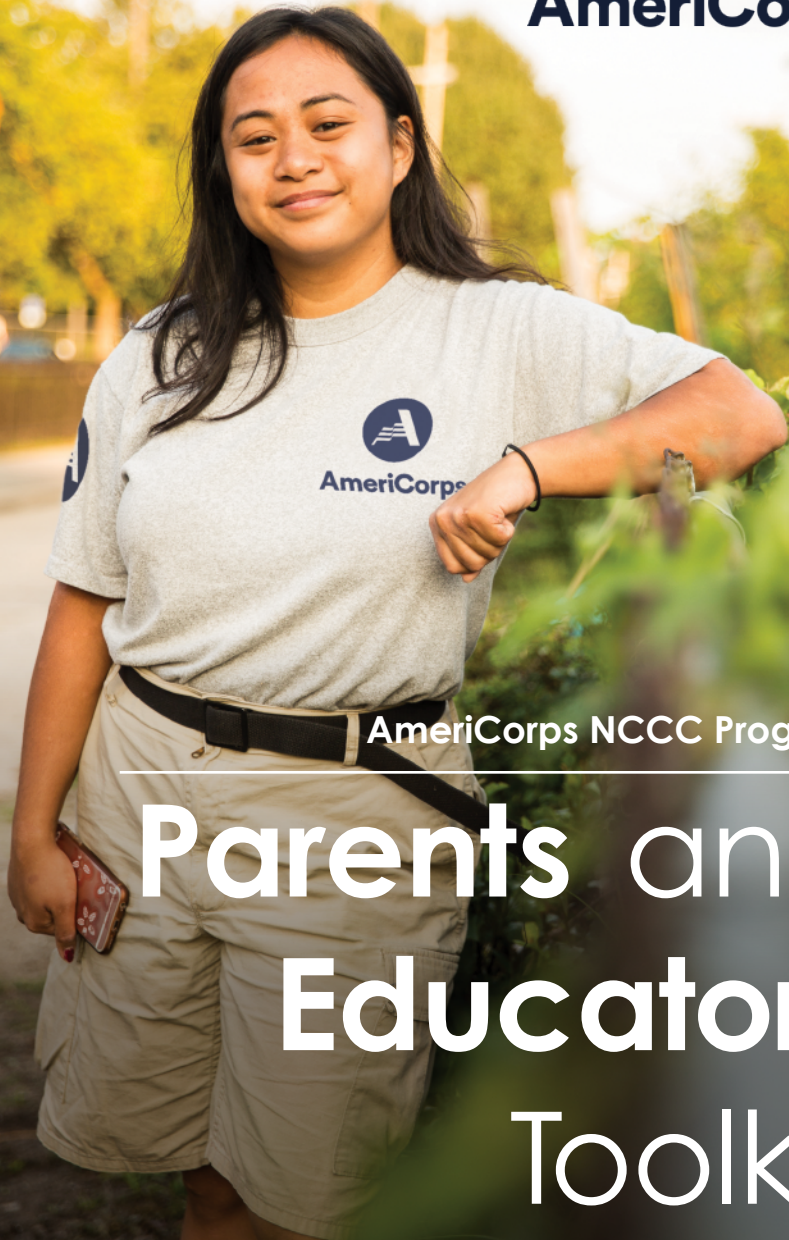




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AmeriCorps NCCC Program

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# Parents and Educators Toolkit



Parents  
Mentors  
Counselors  
Career Advisors  
Teachers  
and more

# Hello

As a community leader, you have the ability to make an impact in the lives of the young adults around you. AmeriCorps can be a great next step, as it provides valuable early career opportunities for young adults and brings individuals of all backgrounds together to tackle our nation's most pressing challenges. AmeriCorps members in the NCCC program gain broad experience through their service by traveling to and living in different communities throughout the U.S., learning to overcome challenges, and gaining a variety of professional and life skills.

In order to meet our mission of strengthening communities and developing the next generation of leaders in the U.S., we need your help spreading the word about the AmeriCorps NCCC program. This guide is designed to make it easy for you to learn about what we offer, and to transfer that knowledge to your children, students, and mentees.

We look forward to sharing our resources and connecting with you in the future. Thanks for supporting NCCC!

Yours in service,  
**AmeriCorps NCCC**

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## OUR OPPORTUNITIES

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time service program that covers lodging and travel expenses, allowing young adults to serve on a team and make an impact in communities across the country while gaining valuable leadership skills. There are two paths to service: Traditional Corps and FEMA Corps.



- 10 months of service (11 months for Team Leaders)
- Work with local project sponsors, including nonprofits, state and municipal governments, tribal organizations, and faith-based groups
- Serve on direct, hands-on projects
- Travel within one of four regions of the United States





# FEMA Corps

- 12 months of service
- Work directly with FEMA on disaster preparedness and response projects
- Serve in an administrative capacity, typically in an office setting
- Travel throughout the United States

Within each of these paths are two roles:

## **CORPS MEMBER**

- 18-26 years old
- Serve on a team of 8-12 other members

## **TEAM LEADER**

- 18 years and older (no upper age limit)
- Supervise a team of 8-12 members

## OUR BENEFITS

A term of service comes with many benefits. AmeriCorps members serving in the NCCC program build lasting relationships, gain excellent professional experience, are exposed to many different career options, and often find a sense of direction for future career or educational endeavors. They also receive:

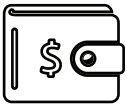
### BENEFITS DURING SERVICE



Basic expenses are covered, including communal housing, meals and health care.



All program-related travel, including to training locations, to projects, and home after service.



We provide a modest living allowance for personal expenses during service.



Members receive valuable training in various technical skills, leadership development, teamwork, and more.

### BENEFITS AFTER SERVICE

Successful graduates of NCCC receive an Education Award of over \$6,000 to use for future tuition costs or loans.

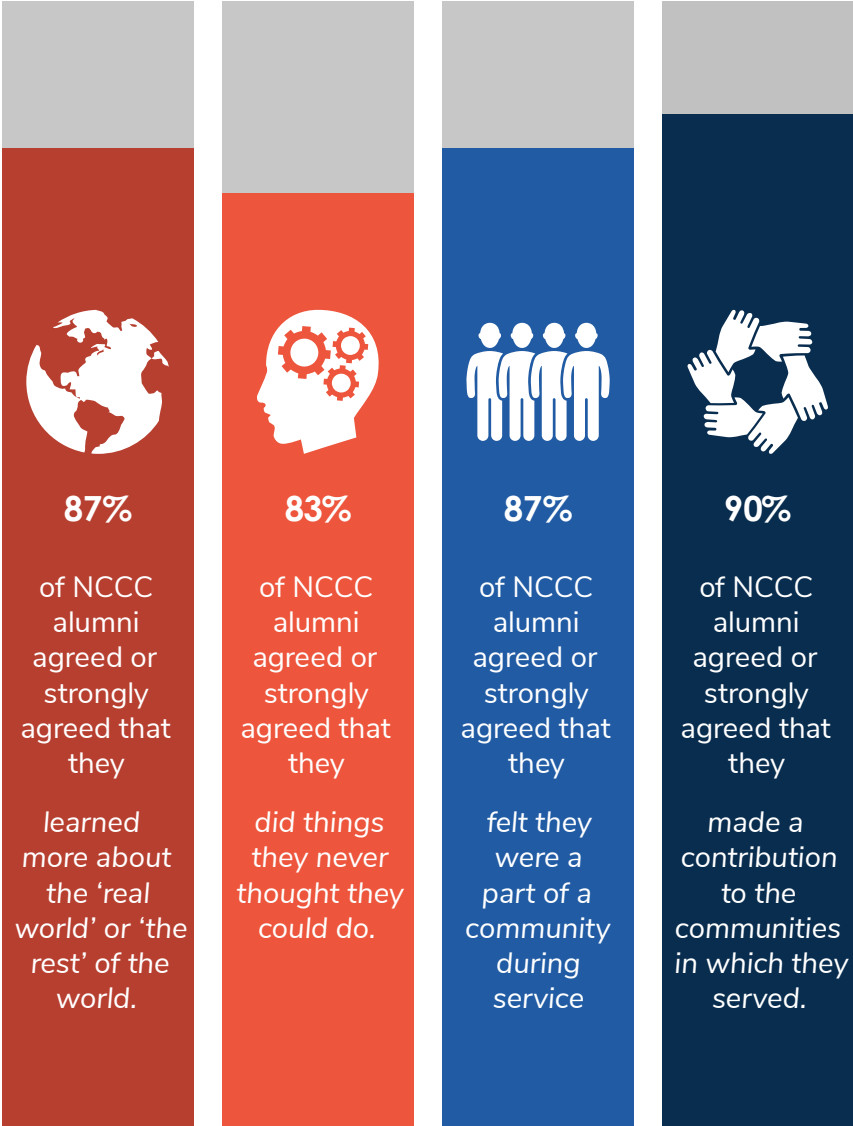


We maintain a network of over 600 Employers of National Service, which can help aid NCCC alumni in their job search.



# OUR IMPACT

NCCC alumni report significant levels of impact in the areas of personal growth, cross-cultural understanding, and feelings of community during service.







# Requirements to Serve

Be 18-26 years of age (no upper age limit for Team leaders)

Be willing to leave their hometown and serve full-time for 10-12 months (see page 4-5 for service term lengths for each program)

Be a lawful permanent resident or citizen of the United States (citizenship required for FEMA Corps applicants)

Possess an interest in strengthening communities and a willingness to put the needs of one's projects and team ahead of one's own personal comforts

Be flexible, willing to work on a variety of projects, and able to work with a diverse group of peers

Travel is a both a requirement to serve and a benefit that is unique to AmeriCorps NCCC. AmeriCorps members serving in the NCCC program come from all over the U.S., are assigned to 1 of our 4 campuses, and then respond to community needs by completing projects throughout the country. While each member will have a unique adventure in service, a few example member experiences are mapped below.

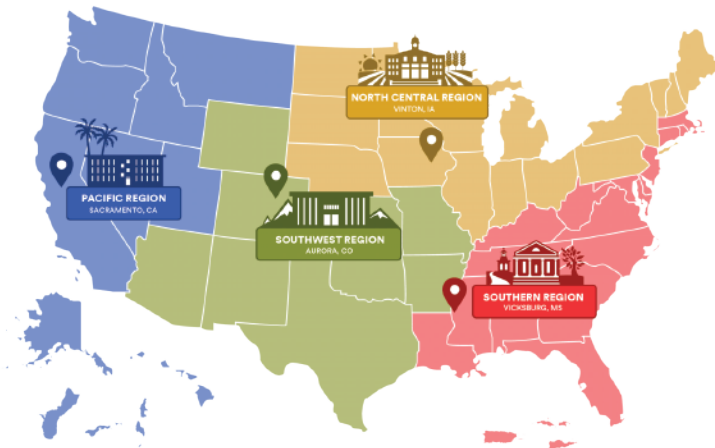
## EXAMPLE MEMBER ROADMAPS

### Based out of Sacramento, CA

Sacramento, CA (Homeless Shelter) • Newport, OR (Planting trees) • Great Falls, MT (Tax preparation) • Boulder Creek, CA (Camp Counsellors)

### Based out of Vinton, IA

Bar Harbor, ME (Trail maintenance) • Rye, NH (Environmental Clean-up) • Chelsea, MI (Cabin Renovation) • Port Washington, WI (Environmental work)



### Based out of Aurora, CO

Oklahoma City, OK (Building homes) • Denver, CO (Teaching aides) • Grandbury, TX (Camp counsellors) • Flagstaff, AZ (Trail maintenance)

### Based out of Vicksburg, MS

Baton Rouge, LA (Disaster Response) • Raleigh, NC (National Park work) • Jackson, MS (Beautification of community centers) • Brunswick, GA (Environmental preservation)

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## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

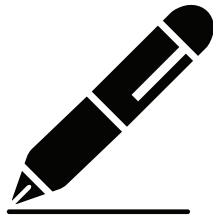
Do you support our mission of developing our nation's next generation of leaders through national and community service? Here's a shortlist of ways to help spread the word about AmeriCorps NCCC.



Order print materials for free to share with your community via our **Online Ordering System**.



Hold talks for your students and mentees to share information about our programs using our **Downloadable Slide Deck**.



Support the young adults in your network through the application process by providing them our **Visual Application Guide**.

*Note: If you are an educator, you can serve as a reference!*

Find these resources and more at  
[americorps.gov/nccc-parentseducators](https://americorps.gov/nccc-parentseducators)





## WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

NCCC was, according to my son, the best 10 months of his life. I saw my son mature and blossom, learning how to live away from home, create lifelong relationships with his team members, acquire useful skills, and GET THINGS DONE!

**Susan, Parent of NCCC Alumna**

My daughter... joined AmeriCorps NCCC as a gap year because she was unsure of what direction she wanted to take after high school. What an amazing experience to meet other... service-oriented young people and get to see parts of the United States she might not have otherwise. It is long days filled with hard and dirty work and she loves every bit of it... I know that community service will be a large part of her life because of this experience.

**Jessica, Parent of NCCC Alumna**

Thank you AmeriCorps NCCC for opening the world for our daughter, showing her how to get things done through team work and helping arrive at her career decision!

**Anonymous, Parent of NCCC Alumna**



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