



TEAM TENNESSEE AMERICORPS STATE

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects over 75,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, health, and homeland security. Members serve in full or part-time positions over a 10-12 month period. Upon completion of their service, full-time members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of approximately \$6,195 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. Part-time members receive a partial education award. Members also have access to other benefits such as: health insurance, child care, training, and student loan forbearance during their service. Members may also receive a modest annual living allowance depending on the terms of their program.

2020-2021 Program Descriptions

East Tennessee

AmeriCorps*Building Futures – AIM Center: Chattanooga*

AIM Center AmeriCorps members will help address the stigma of mental illness while serving at the AIM Center. Members will holistically address the basic human needs for meaningful relationships, self-sufficiency and community reintegration for people in the greater Chattanooga area with a psychiatric diagnosis.

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Appalachia CARES – Clinch-Powell RC&DC: Rutledge / Greeneville area*

The Appalachia CARES program is a community-based service-learning program. AmeriCorps members provide direct service to local communities through primary focus areas of energy efficiency, conservation, and housing services throughout the state. As a secondary focus, they also expand the organizational capacity of participating agencies by expanding services, increasing outreach, and recruiting and/or managing community volunteers.

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Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness: Johnson City area**

Appalachian Regional Coalition of Homelessness (ARCH) AmeriCorps members aim to reduce homelessness by providing a combination of housing and social services in the Appalachia region of east Tennessee.

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Appalachian RC&D Council: Johnson City area

Appalachian Resource Conservation & Development Council AmeriCorps members will provide outreach, education and training on health and wellness, nutrition, food access, cooking, gardening, food preservation, and/or entrepreneurship in communities served by their host sites located in multiple East Tennessee counties.

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Middle Tennessee

Teach For America – Nashville-Chattanooga**

Teach For America believes that all children deserve the opportunity to attain an excellent education. They recruit, train, and place outstanding teacher leaders into classrooms serving low-income children throughout Davidson and Hamilton County.

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THRIVE – Martha O’Bryan Center: Nashville**

The Martha O’Bryan Center empowers children, youth, and adults in poverty to transform their lives through work, education, employment, and fellowship. AmeriCorps members serve in one of five program areas: K-8 Youth Education, High School Education, Post-Secondary Success and Digital Inclusion, Adult Education, and Family Support. Members build relationships, tutor, teach, plan curriculum and enrichments, and perform community outreach and engagement.

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West Tennessee

Bridge Builders Expansion – BRIDGES USA, Inc.: Memphis**

BRIDGES' mission is to unite and inspire diverse youth to become confident and courageous leaders committed to community transformation. Bridge Builders Expansion addresses key needs facing Memphis area youth in grades 6-12 through experiential learning and the facilitation of the Bridge Builders curriculum that targets low academic performance and graduation rates, low rates of cultural competency, and low rates of opportunity for meaningful civic engagement.

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City Year Memphis – City Year, Inc.*

City Year Memphis works to bridge the gap in high-poverty communities between the support that students actually need and what their schools are designed and resourced to provide. In doing so, the program aims to increase graduation rates and change the lives of their students. City Year Memphis AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing whole school services to approximately 1,500 students and individualized services to 420 students in five Memphis public schools.

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Generations – Porter-Leath: Memphis**

Generations AmeriCorps members will increase school readiness by providing educational enrichment activities for Porter-Leath Early Childhood students in the agency's Head Start centers in Memphis and Shelby County. The AmeriCorps members will also leverage over 120 additional volunteers that will be engaged in literacy initiatives throughout the same centers.

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West Tennessee

Impact America - Tennessee: Memphis/various sites across TN*

Impact America - Tennessee AmeriCorps members will implement substantive service-learning projects related to health and economic opportunity in 26 TN counties, primarily around Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for: providing free vision screenings for 21,000 young children, with follow-up care for those failing the screening; and preparing tax returns for 2,000 low-income households. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 90 additional volunteers who will be engaged in conducting vision screenings at hundreds of childcare centers and assisting with free tax preparation at 4 IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites managed by Impact America.

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Memphis Teacher Residency*

Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR) recruits outstanding leaders as co-teachers for Memphis' most academically-challenged public schools. MTR's mission is to positively impact student achievement in Memphis urban schools by recruiting, training and supporting outstanding teachers. All AmeriCorps members are placed in Memphis' Title I schools that have an enrollment that is more than 50% Free or Reduced Price Lunch assisted.

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Teach For America-Memphis**

Teach For America believes that all children deserve the opportunity to attain an excellent education. They recruit, train, and place outstanding teacher leaders into classrooms serving low-income children throughout Memphis and Shelby County.

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