

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps | NCCC

KEY APPLICATION INFORMATION

WHAT IS AMERICORPS NCCC?

AmeriCorps NCCC is a national service program that strengthens communities and develops leaders through residential, team-based national and community service.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) has campuses in four regions throughout the United States. Each of these campuses develop projects that are between 6-12 weeks with Project Sponsors in states assigned to their campus. Each campus has dedicated programming staff that work with sponsors to develop projects for NCCC Teams.

Maine is served by the NCCC North Central Campus in Vinton, Iowa

NCCC National Headquarters is in Washington, DC.



WHO CAN SPONSOR A TEAM?

Not-for-profit and faith-based organizations, government entities (federal, state and local), public schools and universities, and Native American Tribal Councils.

WHO ARE AMERICORPS NCCC TEAM MEMBERS?

Members are young men and women, 18-24 years old, who serve a full-time, ten month term, and represent a wide variety of socioeconomic, cultural, geographic, and educational backgrounds. Team sizes vary throughout the year and can range between 8-12 Corps Members who are supervised by a Team Leader (TL).

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS ARE TEAMS ENGAGED IN?

NCCC teams focus on projects in five service issue areas:

- Environmental Stewardship and Conservation
- Urban and Rural Development

- Energy Conservation
- Infrastructure Improvement
- Natural and other Disasters

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PROVIDE TO A PROJECT?

NCCC provides:

- 8-12 Corps Members, 1 Team Leader,
- One 15-passenger van and fuel
- Limited funds specifically designated for team food purchases,
- Limited hand tools and basic personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Federal Tort Claims Act (liability claims) and Federal Employees Compensation Act coverage (worker's compensation claims)
- Service learning support to help the team understand the community's need and the organization's work

HOW DOES A SPONSOR BEGIN THE PROJECT APPLICATION?

Sponsoring organizations request the assistance of AmeriCorps NCCC teams by submitting a project concept to the regional campus that covers that organization's state. If accepted, the campuses provide technical assistance in completing the application, developing a work plan, and preparing the project sponsor for the arrival of the AmeriCorps NCCC team. All initial project development material can be found online here (http://go.usa.gov/7a8e).

WHAT DOES A SPONSOR PROVIDE?

Planning and organizational orientation are essential when conducting a quality project and enriching experience for NCCC Members. Sponsors are also required to provide technical supervision that will vary between 15-30 hours per week, or more, depending on the project's complexity. In addition, sponsors provide:

- On-site technical training, supplies and equipment
- 40 hours of full time service for team to include explanation of project value, community enhancement and service learning.
- Parking for team 15 passenger van

- Housing for the team during the course of the project, including bathroom/shower and cooking facilities
 - Youth Hostels
 - Churches/Community Centers
 - Campsites
 - Other housing in the community

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT?

Each campus has full-time staff that develop projects for members. Members typically experience between three and four rounds of projects over the course of their 10 month term. Each campus has a different start date for their members' terms and have unique project schedule deadlines. Please see the schedule below for project deadlines.

NCCC encourages you to submit concept forms <u>early</u> for any projects you are planning for 2020. This maximizes the support NCCC can provide to help strengthen the application.

North Central	Available Project Dates	Step 1 Concept Form Due	Step 2 Application Submission Due
Α	Mar 4 – Apr 28, 2022 (8 weeks)	Submit by: November 2, 2021	Submit by: December 1, 2020
В	May 5 – Jun 21, 2022 (7 weeks)	Submit by: January 4, 2022	Submit by: February 7, 2021
С	Jul 11 – Sep 10, 2022 (9 weeks) Aug 12 – Oct 13, 2022 (9 weeks) OR	Submit by: March 1, 2022	Submit by: March 31, 2021
D	Sep 16 – Nov, 9, 2022 (7 weeks) Oct 20 – Dec 13, 2022 (8 weeks)	Submit by: May 3, 2022	Submit by: June 7, 2021

POINT OF CONTACT FOR AMERICORPS NCCC NORTH CENTRAL REGION STAFF:

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- ✓ Like NCCC on Facebook to stay connected with North Central Region teams, https://www.facebook.com/americorpsncccnorthcentral/
- ✓ Learn more about AmeriCorps NCCC through the national NCCC blog! (http://americorpsnccc.tumblr.com/)

MINIMUM LODGING NEEDS

• Sleeping space for 10-12 people including a Team Leader with an option for a divider or spacer to separate male/female members

- Orientation to the lodging to include rules and regulations.
- A plan for cooking and meal preparation nearby if not onsite.
- A plan for bathrooms and showers nearby if not onsite.

SUGGESTED:

Full Bathroom: Furnished Kitchen:

SinkStove

ToiletRefrigerator

ShowerSink

• Food prep space

WHAT WE SUPPLY*

- Cots/Sleeping Bags/Tents
- · Kitchen cookware and plate ware

POSSIBLE ACCOMODATIONS

Members can be housed in:

- Churches or other faith-based organizations
- Community Centers
- Camp Lodging
- Vacant Homes
- Apartments
- Youth Hostels
- Armories
- College/ University dorms or housing
- Park Cabins
- Campsites
- School rooms/classrooms







SAFETY SUPPLIES

For safety reasons lodging should have:

- At least one entry & exit
- A fire extinguisher
- Smoke detectors
- Windows that can be opened
- Entrance doors that lock
 (except campsites)



*furnished lodging is not required













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THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT WHEN APPLYING

If your project involves any of the following aspects, be sure to elaborate in your Project Concept Form.

- *Energy Conservation or Infrastructure Improvement
- *Coordinating or recruiting volunteers
- *Service recipients who are Veterans or Military Families *Opportunities to recruit future NCCC Members
- *Projects that address priorities identified by state or community leaders
- *Community exposure for the team (i.e. media, inviting elected officials, etc.)

Typical Traditional Corps Service Activities

- Filling and installing sandbags for local communities
- ► Educating people on sustainability and energy conservation
- Constructing or repairing trails in local and state parks
- ► Receiving, inventorying, and distributing donated food
- Removing exotic vegetation and planting new trees
- Making facilities handicap accessible
- Directly assisting veterans, homeless, and senior citizens
- ► Constructing and rehabilitating low-income housing



AmeriCorps NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.













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There is no direct charge or match for a team's services. Teams arrive ready to work, with a comprehensive background check, their own transportation, and a team leader who will supervise their activities, fully able to get the work done the way you want it done!

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ASSISTING SCHOOLS

AmeriCorps NCCC teams can provide a variety of supports to school districts including physical plant construction and repair, field and trail development, installation and repair of outdoor learning facilities and playgrounds, direct instruction and student mentoring, afterschool and summer learning; all while modeling community involvement and service engagement.



