

# Public Health AmeriCorps

## Program @

### FAQ

#### Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants from all backgrounds are welcome to apply. A college degree is not required. A strong applicant would be someone who is passionate in pursuing a career in public health and serving their community. Are only requirements are:

- Must be at least 18 years or older
- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident
- Must live locally somewhere in L.A. County
- Able to dedicate one calendar year to complete the hour service requirement

#### Can I go to school during my service year?

Yes, members can attend school during their service. Students currently pursuing a college degree are welcome to apply for a full-time or reduced half-time position as long as school does not interfere with completing their hours.

#### I am an international student studying in the United States, can I still apply?

Unfortunately, to apply one has to be a U.S citizen, U.S National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien.

#### What geographical locations will I be servicing?

All our host sites are located within Los Angeles County.

#### How much will I be getting paid?

- Full-time members will receive a living allowance of \$27,000/yr distributed biweekly + educational stipend of \$6,895 after completing their 1700 hrs (~40 hours/week) for one year.
- Reduced Half-Time members will receive an educational stipend of \$2,626 after completing their 675 hours (~14 hr/wk).



## **Can I get credit for completing my service year?**

Credit is dependent per host site and can be further discussed during the interview process.

## **What benefits are included during my service year?**

- Professional development training will be provided throughout the year.
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## **What types of organizations are members placed in?**

Members will be placed in an organization within Los Angeles County to assist on a public health project area in relation to health equity and social determinants of health, COVID-19 support (recovery, testing), access to services and reducing barriers to care, and behavioral health.

## **Are there remote or hybrid service options available?**

Our host sites vary on remote, hybrid, and in-person work service options. We can discuss your preference during your interview to match you with a potential host site.

## **Is transportation and housing provided?**

Unfortunately, transportation and housing is not provided. Mileage reimbursement is available for certain program events.

## **Can members be DACA students or those who are non U.S. citizens or permanent residents?**

No. AmeriCorps members must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens.

**For more questions related to the AmeriCorps program, check out the [AmeriCorps FAQ page](#).**