

## *Serving with AmeriCorps*

AmeriCorps, part of the national service network, is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. It is a domestic version of the Peace Corps that engages 75,000 Americans in intensive, results-driven service each year. More than 500,000 Americans have served in AmeriCorps since its inception in the early 1990s, with nearly 5,000 in North Carolina. North Carolina citizens with disabilities are encouraged to serve with AmeriCorps. Your service and skills are needed and Serving with AmeriCorps is a great opportunity to develop the work experience that will make your resume attractive to future employers. AmeriCorps members work within a diverse setting of individuals and agencies to help communities meet their educational, public safety, environmental and human service needs and work within a diverse setting of individuals and agencies.

### **Benefits:**

In addition to the skills you gain and relationships you build as an AmeriCorps member, you may receive:

- Health Insurance
- Living Allowance
- Childcare (if applicable)

Upon completing their terms of service members are granted a Segal Education Award:

- Full-time members (1,700 hours) **\$5,350**
- Part-time members (900 hours) **\$2,675**
- Reduced half-time members (675 hours) **\$2,038**
- Minimum-time members (300) **\$1,132**

The Segal Education Award can be used to repay student loans or to finance college, graduate school, or vocational training at qualified higher education institutions. Individuals age 55 and older can transfer their education award to a child, grandchild or foster child.

### **SSI:**

The AmeriCorps Living Allowance and the Segal Education Award has no impact on Social Security Supplementary Income. You can receive the full-time or part-time living allowance without losing any of your benefits!

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible to enroll in AmeriCorps, you must be: a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien; at least 17 years of age; have a high school diploma, GED, or obtain one while serving.

### **The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service:**

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federally and state-funded agency housed in the Governor's Office, administered funding to 16 N.C. AmeriCorps programs in 2009-2010. For more information on the N.C. AmeriCorps programs, visit Commission's website at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org) or call 1-800-820-4483 or 1-877-877-1765 (TTY).