ACCESS members come from the newcomer communities and from the dominant U.S. society. They are young and old and from various economic and educational backgrounds. The common denominator is their desire to make a difference in their communities. ACCESS, in conjunction with the UNCG Center for New North Carolinians, provides training and support for AmeriCorps members performing community service across North Carolina.

Prospective Member
Applications available at http://cnnc.uncg.edu/americorps-access-project/

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What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a national community service program initiated by former President Bill Clinton in 1994. AmeriCorps meets human needs and encourages community development through the activities of program members. It is supported by a partnership of federal and state governments and local community organizations.

What is ACCESS?

ACCESS is an AmeriCorps project that focuses on helping immigrant/refugee communities gain better access to human services, build bridges of understanding with neighbors, and become economically self-sufficient residents of our state.

What do ACCESS members do?

AmeriCorps members are placed with our Partner Agencies providing direct services to the immigrant/refugee communities. Members commit one year to provide interpretation, employment assistance, English language instruction, community development and cross-cultural competency services. Site placement is based on the skills and experiences of the members and the needs of the organizations.

Need $$$ for college?

AmeriCorps provides education awards to members who successfully complete their service term. Education awards can be used to pay for education costs at qualified institutions, for educational training, or to repay your student loans.

Can AmeriCorps fit my schedule?

Yes! We offer 3 types of positions to best suit your schedule:

Full-Time: Serve 1700 hours over the program year, earn $12,100 in a yearly stipend & $5,645 in education award

Part-Time: Serve 900 hours over the program year, earn $6,050 in a yearly stipend & $2,822 in education award

The following position is ideal for high school or college students, persons 55 years & over (can transfer ed. awards to loved ones), persons needing $ for school, and those needing to gain professional experience.

Quarter-Time Education Award Only: Serve 450 hours over the program year & receive $1,493 in education award

Eligibility requirements

- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National or a lawful permanent resident.
- Must be at least 17 years of age with a guardian’s signature
- Must submit to a criminal background checks
- Have a Social Security Card
- Be a high school senior OR have a High School Diploma or a GED
- Additional eligibility requirements will depend on individual partner agency where members are placed to perform their AmeriCorps service.

ACCESS Partner Agencies

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