ACCESS partners with non-profit agencies across the state of North Carolina whose mission is to serve and improve the lives of the immigrant and refugee populations. Our partner agencies range from schools to refugee resettlement agencies—churches to libraries. We are proud to partner with a broad range of groups who have an interest in assisting this underserved population in our state.

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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.

How Can ACCESS Work With My Agency?

ACCESS will assist in placing an AmeriCorps member with your agency to provide direct services to the immigrant/refugee communities. For example, if your agency serves Spanish-speaking clients, we will try to match a bilingual member to serve with your agency.

What can ACCESS members add to my agency?

ACCESS members bring a myriad of experiences to their service sites. Most of our members are bilingual and can provide a link to the populations you are trying to reach. In addition to cultural competency members also bring passion, commitment, and an eagerness to contribute to your agency’s goals.

Is there a cost to my agency?

Yes. Your agency will be required to pay a cash match for each member placed with your organization. The cash match amount varies per AmeriCorps position.

Full-Time: Agency pays $8,500 in cash match
Part-Time: Agency pays $4,250 in cash match
Education Award Only: Agency pays $0 in cash match

What types of positions are available for my agency?

We offer 3 types of positions to best suit your agency’s needs.

11 - Full-Time:
• Members serve 1700 hours over the program year
• Members earn a monthly stipend, for active service
• Members receive an education award equal to the full amount of the Pell Grant.

14 - Part-Time:
• Members serve 900 hours over the program year
• Members earn a monthly stipend, for active service
• Members receive an education award equal to half the amount of the Pell Grant.

8 - Quarter-Time Education Award Only:
• Members serve 450 hours over the program year
• Members receive an education award equal to a quarter the amount of the Pell Grant.

Partnership Minimum Qualifications

• Be a nonprofit organization - 501(c)(3)
• Provides services to immigrants/refugees
• Have a workstation for AmeriCorps member
• Designated Site Supervisor
• Agency is handicap accessible

The program year runs mid-September through the August 31st of the following year.

ACCESS Partner Agencies
2017-2018

African Services Coalition, Greensboro
Catholic Charities, Charlotte
Center for New North Carolinians, Greensboro
Centro La Comunidad, Burlington
Church Word Service, Durham
Church World Service, Greensboro
Glen Haven Community Center, Greensboro
Glenwood Public Library, Greensboro
Latin American Coalition, Charlotte
Legacy Crossing Community Center, Greensboro
Lutheran Services Carolinas, Raleigh
New Arrivals Institute, Greensboro
Oakwood Community Center, Greensboro

ACCESS FOCUS AREAS

• Employment Training & Placement (includes ESOL instruction)
• Volunteer Recruitment
• Disaster Preparedness Outreach