

Join AmeriCorps! Serve in the College Access Corps.

Are you committed to making a difference in the lives of underrepresented students? Looking to build a foundation for your academic and career goals? Then consider AmeriCorps, join the dynamic College Access Corps (CAC), and serve at one of many locations in Washington and Northern Idaho.

Want to serve elementary school students? Did you know that education gaps open up from the very beginning? Math and reading. Physical and social-emotional wellbeing. Cognitive abilities and language skills. And ideas and aspirations about college and career horizons. CAC service means closing the education gap and fostering new horizons through creative activities that develop a college-and-career mindset, as well as core academic skills to help them succeed.

How about serving in a middle school or helping high school students graduate and go on to college? In Washington and Idaho, students are faced with “college readiness” state requirements in order to graduate. The result for many underrepresented students, however, is that the education gap only widens because they do not graduate truly prepared for college. But you can make a huge difference by helping underrepresented students develop aspirational education and career goals and the abilities to realize them!

You can work with 7th graders to develop note-taking skills, a time management plan, and a “bucket list” of career ideas. You can help 8th graders see college and career goals as a reality by helping them to compose a portrait of a role model, develop a budget for college, and role play job interviewing. You can help high school students reach important milestones such as SAT prep and testing, campus visits, FAFSA applications, and admission to colleges and universities.

Want to help underrepresented students on college campuses succeed and prepare for careers? For many, starting college does not mean they will finish or follow their career paths. Along with academic roadblocks, many face food and housing insecurity, financial difficulties, and mental health challenges. You can make a difference through service on campuses across Washington and North Idaho. As an AmeriCorps member you’ll serve as a vital resource for students who may need extra support in college and career success!

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED TASKS

- Commit to 10-month term of service totaling 1700 (full-time), 1200 (¾ time), 675, 400, or 300 hours (terms begin in August 2020 and conclude May 2021).
- Train, supervise, and support college students as CAC coaches for participating students.
- Create and cultivate school/community partnerships.
- Provide direct CAC coaching for participating students.
- Recruit volunteers for National Days of Service and other community service events.
- Compile and update CAC program sustainability manual annually for future AmeriCorps Members.
- Collect program assessment data and report on monthly basis.
- Participate in CAC trainings throughout the term of service.
- Collaborate with other CAC AmeriCorps Members in Washington and Idaho to develop and share program resources.
- Additional duties as assigned by supervisor.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- United States Citizen, Naturalized Citizen, or Lawful Permanent Resident.
- 18 years or older.
- Have a postsecondary degree or certificate (e.g., Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree), or some college experience.
- Agree to a National Service Criminal History Check. Convictions for sexual offenses and murder will disqualify applicants. Other offenses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Ability to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.
- Strong organization, problem-solving and written and oral communication skills.
- Strong initiative, self-starter, and enthusiasm for helping others succeed.
- Commitment to promoting educational equity and inclusion.
- Basic office computer skills, including word processing.

BENEFITS

- Living allowance up to \$18,000 (based on full-time status and distributed over 10 months).
- Segal Education Award up to \$6,095 (based on full-time status and prorated for other positions) upon successful completion of the program.
- Loan forbearance and interest accrual reimbursement on qualifying loans.
- Basic health care plan (if needed).
- Child care assistance for qualifying members.
- Networking, training, and professional development opportunities.
- A chance to make a difference on campus and in schools!

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for an AmeriCorps position with College Access Corps, send a cover letter and resume to the address below. In your cover letter, please describe why you want to serve in the CAC program and what you hope to gain from service personally and professionally. You may also indicate your preferences including full- and part-time positions, grade level, student population, and placement location. Address your application to:

Dr. John Lang
Associate Director
Washington Campus Compact
Western Washington University

c/o Zoie Johnson
CACProgramAssistant@wwu.edu

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

CAC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action enroller of AmeriCorps service volunteers. Members of ethnic minorities, disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam-era, and recently separated veterans, persons of disability and/or persons age 40 and over are encouraged to apply. College Access Corps only enrolls members who are citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens of the United States. All new members must show service eligibility verification as required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and must satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to 45 CFR 2540.202.