



## Describing the Benefits of Your Program

*This document contains a list of many of the potential benefits for members. Please use this list to improve your pitch and recruitment materials.*

### Benefits List

- 1) [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) (24/25 Award Amounts):
  - a. 300-hour: \$1,565.08
  - b. 450-hour: \$1,956.35
  - c. 900-hour: \$3,697.50
  - d. 1700-hour: \$7,395.00
- 2) [Loan Forbearance](#)
- 3) Hands-on experience
- 4) Future career opportunities
- 5) Opportunity to be mentored by skilled professionals
- 6) Training and skill enhancement for school and beyond
- 7) Resume building
- 8) Leadership skills development
- 9) References to use for future employment
- 10) Networking and community engagement
- 11) Support and raise awareness for equity and inclusion
- 12) Receive guidance and mentorship from professionals in your focus area
- 13) Meet new people
- 14) Give back to your community
- 15) Be part of a nationally recognized program!

### Focus Area-Specific Benefits

*This section provides more specific benefits examples based on focus area. These can be copied or adjusted for your promotional materials.*

#### **Environmental Stewardship: At-Risk Ecosystems & Environmental Education**

- Career Building: In the competitive field of environmental careers, the CLEC AmeriCorps program can be a great way to gain essential experience to get your foot in the door and start your journey.
- Hands-on experience: Put your passion and knowledge of the environment into action and build your knowledge and skills in real-world situations.
- Contribution to Conservation: Make a positive impact on at-risk ecosystems by actively participating in initiatives aimed at their preservation and restoration.
- Climate Resilience: Contribute directly to increasing climate resilience and reducing climate impacts through active participation in initiatives aimed at preserving and restoring at-risk



ecosystems. This helps communities and ecosystems become more resilient in the face of environmental challenges.

### **Academic Engagement: K-12 & College/University Student Success**

- Career Building & Hands-On Experience: Work closely with educational professionals, gaining insights into the educational system and building collaborative relationships within the academic community.
- Promote Educational Equity: Contribute to programs that promote educational equity by providing additional support to students who may face barriers to academic success.
- Mentoring and Support: Provide mentorship and support to K-12 and college/university students, assisting them in navigating academic challenges and helping them achieve their higher education goals in an inclusive learning environment.

### **Healthy Futures: Food Security & Basic Needs**

- Career Building: AmeriCorps service exposes students to a network of professionals and organizations dedicated to addressing food and basic needs insecurity. This network can be instrumental in providing mentorship, guidance, and potential future career opportunities in fields related to public health, social work, or community development.
- Hands-on Experience: This practical experience can enhance your understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and communities in accessing crucial needs.
- Promote Equity: AmeriCorps members serving in these positions work directly with the community. This experience not only benefits the community but also helps students develop empathy and cultural competency.

### **Healthy Futures: Medical & Mental Health Access**

- Career Building: Engage in continuous learning opportunities through serving with experienced staff and participating in meetings and trainings to enhance your knowledge of healthcare practices and community-based interventions.
- Hands-on Experience: This practical experience can enhance your understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and communities in accessing mental and medical health resources.
- Promote Equity: Actively participate in initiatives aimed at improving medical and mental health access for underserved populations.