



RISE AmeriCorps

Frequently Asked Questions



? **What is RISE AmeriCorps?**

AmeriCorps is a national service initiative that engages citizens in full-time or part-time community service. RISE AmeriCorps Members (aged 18 and up) serve at schools youth-serving agencies in Western Massachusetts, where they develop and implement programs that support young people.

More information and application available at www.dialself.org/americorps.

? **How much money will I make?**

Members receive a living allowance of up to \$12,100, paid biweekly in equal installments over a ten-month period. The living allowance is taxable income.

? **Will that be enough money to live on?**

Most RISE Members find that the living allowance is adequate to cover their needs. AmeriCorps provides free health insurance and childcare assistance for qualifying Members. Many RISE Members qualify for additional assistance like Food Stamps. Some Members also supplement their income through additional part-time work.

? **What are the term's start and end dates?**

The program will run from August 21, 2014 to June 22, 2015.

? **How old do I have to be?**

The minimum age for RISE is 18. There is no maximum age.

? **Does the program offer health insurance?**

Yes. The program provides basic health, dental and vision.

? **What about the education award?**

Upon successful completion of service, members will receive an Education Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Education Award amount for 2013-2014 is \$5,550. Members can use the voucher to pay off student loans or future tuition costs for any educational institution that participates in Title IV Federal Aid Programs. The educational award is taxable income in the year it is used.

? **What type of service would I do, and where would I do it?**

Member service is focused on Positive Youth Development. Each Member is placed at a service site. Site selection is part of the application and interview process. Members select their top three site choices, and then interview with the Site Supervisors until a match is found.

? **What are the minimum requirements?**

A member must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful Permanent Resident of the U.S., have a high school diploma or GED, and must be at least 18 years of age. Members are required to complete a background check process with RISE and at their service sites.