



AmeriCorps

Benefits of Service



1 Living Allowance

Members are offered a living allowance, up to \$21,500 for 1,700 hours of service, to support cost of living expenses during your term of service. Members will receive \$1,012 bi-weekly allowances, subject to payroll/income taxes.

2 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award

A federal Education Award is available to members upon successful completion of the service term. This award can be used to pay current eligible educational expenses or repay qualified student loans. This award is \$6,495 for 1,700 hours of service.

3 Healthcare

Health insurance coverage is offered to all full-time members, provided through Cherokee Nation's Employee Clinic and Indian Health Services.

4 Child Care

Members needing childcare services can submit applications for tribal or Department of Human Services daycare assistance. Additional information available upon acceptance to the program.

5 Student Loan Forbearance

AmeriCorps members may be eligible to defer qualifying federal student loans while they are in service, as well as repayment of the interest that accrues while they are in deferment. Service in AmeriCorps may also count towards Public Service Loan Forgiveness on qualifying federal loans. [Click here for more information.](#)

6 Eligibility for Federal Assistance

Members may be eligible to receive federal financial assistance (e.g., [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) benefits) that can help cover food expenses and other essentials. Eligibility and monthly amounts vary based on individual circumstances. Additional information available through Department of Human Services and Cherokee Nation's Human Services Department.

7 Professional Development

Members receive ongoing training, supervision, and professional development. During AmeriCorps service, members can gain transferable skills future employers value, including leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. Some programs may also offer certifications or credentials in the field.

8 Networking

AmeriCorps members have access to local and national AmeriCorps networks for future opportunities and general networking.

Questions?

Please contact Cherokee Nation's AmeriCorps Program personnel at americorpsprogram@cherokee.org.