

LEADERCORPS GOALS

LeaderCorps develops impactful leaders in their communities through professional development opportunities for a select group of AmeriCorps members. Volunteer Florida's LeaderCorps Initiative promotes AmeriCorps as a meaningful and inclusive service opportunity and increases awareness of AmeriCorps in Florida.

MEMBERSHIP/SELECTION

LeaderCorps Member Cohorts consist of members serving in Volunteer Florida's AmeriCorps programs. Each AmeriCorps program is responsible for nominating a minimum of one representative for LeaderCorps on an annual basis. Volunteer Florida will choose a group of up to 25 diverse leaders to participate in this dynamic statewide leadership program.

Within the application process, Volunteer Florida selects participants who represent broad service, geographic, ethnic and gender representation. Basic criteria for selection include the following:


- Demonstrated leadership skills and experience;
- Motivation and commitment to service in Florida;
- A concern for Florida's citizens, demonstrated by past or current service activities.

REQUIREMENTS

Service Projects and Service Days –LeaderCorps members will be responsible for coordinating at least one service project for their program. LeaderCorps members located in the same region are strongly encouraged to work together. All LeaderCorps members are required to complete a project plan (template will be provided) and meet deadlines as established by the LeaderCorps program. Projects and/or events must meet at least one of the following goals:

- Promote national service as an opportunity and a bridge to skill building, career development and community inclusion.
- Develop ongoing state and local level relationships among nonprofit organizations, schools, and/or business.

In addition to their own projects, LeaderCorps members should take a leadership role in promoting and participating in national days of service events such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, AmeriCorps Week and other Volunteer Florida initiatives.



Leadership and Professional Development Training – LeaderCorps members are required to attend two in person trainings (one in the fall; one in spring) to meet with fellow LeaderCorps members and learn how to make an impact through leadership. Members will participate in training focused on leadership, national service and asset based developmental skills. Volunteer Florida will bring in outside speakers and guests to guide the cohort in making the most of the skills that they acquire through simulations, group discussions, and their service itself.

Serve as an Ambassador/Liaison – LeaderCorps members are a voice for and serve as ambassadors for Florida's AmeriCorps programs. They should promote AmeriCorps and encourage other members to do the same. Members should promote Florida AmeriCorps through appropriate social media outlets. Volunteer Florida encourages LeaderCorps members to take a leadership role in promoting national service during outreach and recruitment presentations and/or events. Outreach is intended to increase community awareness of local, state-wide and national AmeriCorps programs as well its impact on the communities they serve.

Each member must be active in representing his/her program during LeaderCorps meetings. Members must also communicate LeaderCorps information at each of his/her standard program meetings. Members should communicate professional development opportunities and help develop strategies to create positive member experiences to other members of their designated program.

ATTENDENCE

LeaderCorps members are required to attend the in person trainings and participate in check in phone calls as scheduled. If a compelling circumstance arises, it is the responsibility of the member to inform Volunteer Florida of his/her absence.

SERVICE HOURS

LeaderCorps members will receive service hours for the time spent in member trainings, project planning and on required conference calls. Travel time will be granted in accordance with each program's normal travel policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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