

## LEADERCORPS GOALS

Volunteer Florida's LeaderCorps Program is designed to engage and provide additional leadership development opportunities for AmeriCorps members. LeaderCorps promotes AmeriCorps as a meaningful and inclusive service opportunity and increases awareness of the programs in Florida. Members promote civic engagement and service solutions through collaboration, leadership development and community-wide service projects.

## MEMBERSHIP

AmeriCorps programs are encouraged to nominate up to two representatives for LeaderCorps on an annual basis.

Approximately 25 members who represent broad service, geographic, ethnic and gender representation will be selected. 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** – 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 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). Members will participate in training focused on leadership, national service and asset based developmental skills. Volunteer Florida will engage expert and peer trainers to guide members in skill building and leadership development.

**Ambassadors** – LeaderCorps members serve as ambassadors for Florida's AmeriCorps programs. Volunteer Florida encourages LeaderCorps members to take a vital role in promoting national service during outreach and recruitment presentations and events. Outreach is intended to increase community awareness of local, state-wide and national AmeriCorps programs.

Each member must be active in representing their program during LeaderCorps meetings. Members must also convey LeaderCorps information at each of their standard program meetings. Members should communicate professional development opportunities and help develop strategies to create positive member experiences for 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 their 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 standard travel policy.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For additional information regarding LeaderCorps, please visit our website at: [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org) or contact Elizabeth Winchester, LeaderCorps Manager by email at: [Elizabeth@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:Elizabeth@volunteerflorida.org) or by phone at 850.414.7400 ext. 111

