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GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION
ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

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What is volunteerism?



Volunteering is a worthwhile and important unpaid activity to fulfill unmet needs that make a difference for citizens and the community.

From helping neighbors to serving on boards, volunteers make significant contributions and help provide a solution to some of the toughest individual, community and environmental challenges.

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism provides strategies to communities to effectively meet important needs through service. The Commission also stewards Arizona's AmeriCorps programming and funding.

Service Enterprise Key Elements

- Mission-driven design
- Committed organizational leadership
- Aligned resource allocation
- Track and evaluate results
- Sustain ongoing engagement
- Raise funds in support
- Offer effective training
- On-board and supervise
- Effectively use technology
- Partner to extend reach

Why Service Enterprise?

Adaptable. Sustainable. Scalable.

When Arizonans volunteer, they deserve well-organized opportunities in settings where they can contribute something important and meaningful. When an organization learns to leverage volunteers effectively, it is in a better position to deliver services and grow.

Service Enterprises are more **adaptable, sustainable** and capable of **scaling their impact and effectively delivering** on their social mission.

Want to see how your organization can become certified as a Service Enterprise?

Learn more at [GetInvolved.AZ.gov](https://www.getinvolved.az.gov)



What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans nationally in service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups.

AmeriCorps helps communities tackle pressing issues while mobilizing millions of volunteers. AmeriCorps members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits. The experience has a lasting impact on both the members and the communities they serve.



This year in Arizona, AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,600 individuals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities the opportunity to provide results-driven service that will meet educational, environmental, health, economic, veterans, disaster and other pressing community needs.

In Arizona most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the **Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism**, which, in turn, awards grants to nonprofits for responding to local needs.

\$8.5 million in scholarships earned

This year, AmeriCorps members in Arizona will serve more than **1.2 million hours** in communities and will earn more than **\$8.5 million** in education scholarships.

Interested in serving in AmeriCorps?

- Do you want to help a youth succeed in school? Protect a national forest? Help a family rebuild their home after a devastating disaster?
- When you join AmeriCorps, you use your energy, ideas, and talents to help others. Plus, you'll earn money for education, learn to be a leader, and gain real job skills.
- **Are you ready?** Learn more at AmeriCorps.AZ.gov

Resources

The Corporation for National and Community Service

www.nationalservice.gov

AmeriCorps Recruitment Portal

www.my.americorps.gov

Points of Light—Service Enterprise Initiative

www.pointsoflight.org/service-enterprise-initiative

Volunteering and Civic Life in America

www.volunteeringinamerica.gov



! Do Something

- Consider what you have to give; what skills you have to share.
- Choose activities that you find meaningful; consider participating in short-term volunteer projects, joining up for the long haul, or something in between.
- Identify local volunteer opportunities/worthy organizations of interest to you – talk with friends, scan the newspaper, search online.
- Be clear about expectations and commitment.
- Start small; provide immediate service and get to know the organization.
- Be persistent. The energy you bring will determine the quality of your experience!
- Learn more about how to serve your community at GetInvolved.AZ.gov



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