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AmeriCorps Seniors

# Introduction to AmeriCorps Seniors

August 2024



# Agenda

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- Origin of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors
- Overview of Programs
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  - Senior Companion Program
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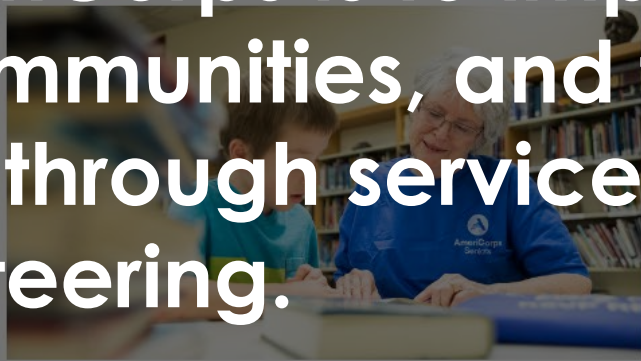
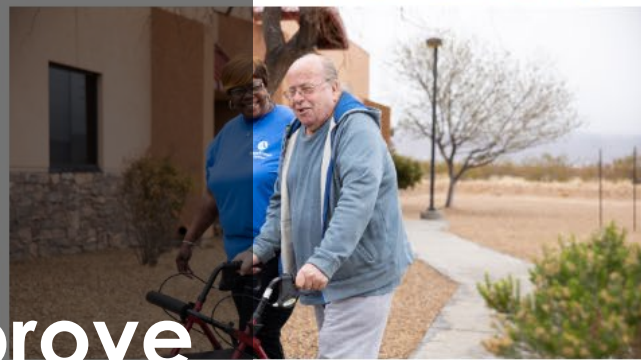
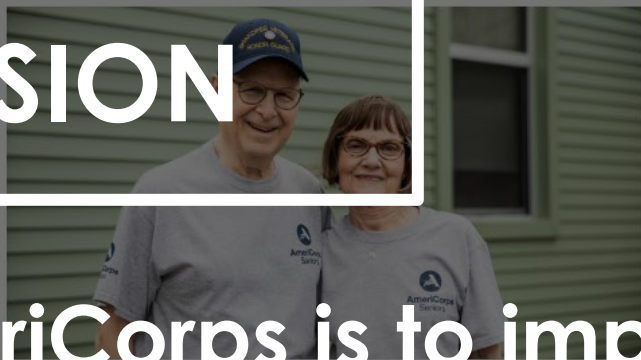
# Pre-Event Poll Questions

How confident do you feel in your current understanding of AmeriCorps Seniors?

- 5 - Very Confident
- 4 - Confident
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- 2 - Not Very Confident
- 1 - Not Confident at All

Have you utilized the training and technical assistance materials on [americorps.gov](https://americorps.gov)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



# MISSION

The mission of AmeriCorps is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.



# Origin of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors



First National Conference on Aging



VISTA Program Created



Domestic and Volunteer Service Act Passed



Corporation for National and Community Service Created



Serve America Act Signed



Agency Rebrand to AmeriCorps

1950

1964

1973

1993

2009

2020

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# AmeriCorps Seniors Programs



Foster  
Grandparent  
Program



Senior  
Companion  
Program



RSVP  
Program



# Overview of Programs

## Foster Grandparent Program

**Intergenerational program** connecting older adults with children and youth.

Volunteers:

- Mentor and guide children and youth to **higher academic achievement and social emotional development.**
- Help children and youth succeed through **one-on-one tutoring and/or mentorship.**
- Provide consistent support from a caring adult giving children and youth the tools they need for **success in academics and life.**

Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving.





# Overview of Programs

## Senior Companion Program

A **peer-to-peer program** to help older adults **live independently**.

### Volunteers:

- **Provide respite** to family caregivers.
- **Support to older adults** who have difficulty with daily tasks.
- Provide companionship to help **reduce social isolation**.
- Keep older adults **engaged in their community** and living in their home longer.
- Support opportunities to **reduce the expense of long-term institutional care**.

Eligible volunteers may receive a small stipend to defray the costs of serving.







# Overview of Programs

## RSVP Program

**Senior volunteer program** that meets **local community needs.**

**Focus Areas:** Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and Veterans and Military Members.

Volunteers engage in service opportunities such as:

- **food security,**
- **tax and benefits support,**
- **tutoring students** of all ages,
- **supporting veterans and military families,**
- **disaster support and conservation.**

Volunteers do not receive a stipend, but may be reimbursed for meals, mileage, and other costs related to their service.





# Overview of Programs

## Senior Demonstration Program



- Expand AmeriCorps Seniors program reach and impact.
  - Demonstrate the power of older Americans as volunteers to make significant contributions within their communities.
- Allow funding of innovative programming and activities, such as:
  - Providing a pathway from service to employment.
  - Supporting native nations and indigenous elders in addressing community needs.



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# Senior Demonstration Program

## Workforce Development



- Supporting older adults in obtaining permanent employment in skilled labor and professional careers
- Providing training and certification for employment
- Receiving job search and placement support





# Additional Program Information

Visit the AmeriCorps Website to learn more about our AmeriCorps Seniors programs and available funding opportunities:

- [Foster Grandparent Program](#)
- [RSVP Program](#)
- [Senior Companion Program](#)
- [AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities](#)



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# Important Reminders

*Things to Remember*



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# Funding Opportunity Page



- Notice of Funding Opportunity and Appendices
- Grant Application Instructions
- Training and Technical Assistance Webinars
- FAQs and Other Resources for Applicants

## Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Opportunity

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### About RSVP

Established in 1971 and now one of the largest senior volunteer programs in the nation, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP engages people ages 55 and older in a diverse range of volunteer activities. AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers tutor children, help prepare simple taxes, assist victims of natural disasters, provide nutrition/food support, facilitate opioid and substance abuse education workshops, and serve in their communities in many other ways. AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers choose how, where, and how often they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to a maximum of 40 hours per week. While serving, AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers improve their own lives by staying active and civically engaged. To read the statute that regulates the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program, view the [Uniform Guidance § CFR 800](#) and [RSVP Federal Regulations](#).

### Application Deadline

Applications are due by 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 18, 2024. Successful applicants will be issued awards by end of March 2025.

For more information, visit the [Funding Opportunity Page](#).

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# Important Dates



Applications are due no later than **Wednesday, September 18, 2024, by 5:00 PM ET**

Successful applicants will be issued awards by **March 2025**



Successful applicants will be notified by **January 2025**

*\* See Section D.4.c for the Late Application process*



# Training and Technical Assistance

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

- [Tour of the Notice of Funding Opportunity](#): Aug 14, 2 PM ET

[Pre-submit a question](#) for the Q&A webinars.







# Key Contacts

Who to Contact and When



Question/Issue	Send an email to...
To receive a printed copy of the Notice, Grant Application Instructions, and Appendix B	<a href="mailto:RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov">RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov</a>
Late application request	<a href="mailto:LateApplications@americorps.gov">LateApplications@americorps.gov</a>
Request a federally negotiated indirect cost rate from AmeriCorps	<a href="mailto:IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov">IndirectCostRate@americorps.gov</a>
Submit the Operational and Financial Management Survey (OFMS)	<a href="#">Submit online</a> ; forms submitted by email will not be accepted
Submit Tribal organization eligibility documentation	<a href="mailto:AdditionalDocuments@americorps.gov">AdditionalDocuments@americorps.gov</a>
General questions about the competition or AmeriCorps Seniors	<a href="mailto:RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov">RSVPCompetition@americorps.gov</a>

*Please note: Incumbent grantees **should not** contact their portfolio manager for questions about the RSVP Competition.*



# Issues with eGrants

## Who to Contact and When

- Call the AmeriCorps Hotline at 800-942-2677
  - Make note of your ticket number
  - If assistance is needed on an application within 10 days of the submission deadline, choose option #3
- Submit a question to the support team via the [web form](#)
- Hotline hours:
  - Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
  - Closed on federal holidays



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# Question & Answer


*Interactive Discussion*



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# Questions?

Please enter your questions into the Q&A box.

Use the Q&A to ask your questions.



# Post-Event Poll Questions

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Do you intend to apply for an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant?

- Yes, this year (FY2025)
- Yes, but in the future
- Possibly
- Probably not
- No, definitely not



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