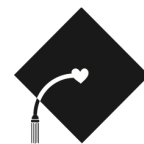


Welcome to Bonner/AmeriCorps



...solidifying the right placement

All Bonner Positions Should:

- 1 Be with a **non-profit** organization or government agency. Check with your Coordinator to verify the status of a site when in doubt. A handy resource is guidestar.org — or just call the site.
- 2 Address an **identifiable social need** such as hunger, poverty, homelessness, youth education, healthcare, environmental preservation, etc. Ensure that your position descriptions and CLAs reference this need.
- 3 Serve a **underserved or at-risk population** such as youth, elderly, homeless, immigrants, refugees, disabled, veterans, etc. or address an environmental or economic need.
- 4 Provide a **site supervisor** that works at the agency, who supervises your service work and assist in your personal and professional development throughout your time commitment.

In addition, if you intend to be enrolled with AmeriCorps this term, your position must meet other guidelines. Please read below.

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Comply with **AmeriCorps eligibility** requirements, summarized on the Bonner AmeriCorps website at <http://bonnernetwork.pbworks.com/Bonner-AmeriCorps-Home>

Below, you'll find sample information on "discouraged" and "prohibited" positions to help you make your placement selection easier.

If you're an AmeriCorps member...

AVOID RED FLAGS

The positions below may have some obstacles in gaining AmeriCorps eligibility approval. Be sure to consult with your advisor on the feasibility of serving in this position.

- Positions that deal with **animal care** do not address a human need and do not fall in alignment with AmeriCorps' anti-poverty focus
- Positions pertaining to **student government or fraternities/ sororities**- even if the nature of the organization is service oriented, this should not serve as primary placement
- Positions that work with youth in social settings (i.e. **summer camps or after school clubs**) must explain how it addresses a social need.
- Positions working with **senior care, hospitals, or day care centers** must confirm the site's nonprofit status, as they can change.
- Club coaches, dance instructors, library assistants, theatre directors, or other **extra-curricular activities** must address an identifiable social need and cannot displace a paid employee

KNOW WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED

Although these items are prohibited in terms of counting for AmeriCorps hours, you are certainly able to perform these activities on your own time.

- **Partisan political activity** (voter registration, campaigning, rallying, picketing)
- **Religious activities** (proselytizing, teaching Bible study)
- **International focus** (serving in another country or for the benefit of others in another country)
- **Administrative focus** (clerical work cannot be a primary focus of the placement)
- Activities providing **abortion services** or referrals for receipt of such services
- **Fundraising focus** — fundraising is approvable, but only up to 10% of the member's hours commitment: remember that all "drives" count as fundraising (i.e. toy, food, etc.)
- **Outreach vs. In-reach**: positions should serve the off-campus community or be working toward the potential development of such outreach