



**Transform Lives—Join the Faith in Youth Partnership Today
2019-2020**

AmeriCorps is America's National Service initiative. Through AmeriCorps, individuals of all ages and backgrounds address the nation's education, public safety, environment, and/or human needs through service. The main focus areas of AmeriCorps include: getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunity. Faith in Youth Partnership AmeriCorps members contribute to this effort by assisting with middle and high school students who are at risk of not graduating high school. Members mentor youth, recruit and oversee volunteers who mentor youth, and assist with overall program development which contribute to the success of the student in school. Members will receive training in a variety of areas to support and enhance their service to the students in a professional school environment and at after-school programs. This training will include, but is not limited to: CPR and First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, mentoring skills, Cultural Competency, and self-development.

Position Title: Faith in Youth Partnership AmeriCorps Member

Living Allowance: \$14,000 annually for full time
\$9,900 annually for three quarter time
\$7,400 annually for half time

Education Award: Full Time: \$6,095 upon completion of 1700 hours
Three Quarter Time: \$4,266.50 upon completion of 1200 hours
Half Time: \$3,047.50 upon completion of 900 hours

Term of Agreement: August 14, 2019 through August 7, 2020

Benefits: Health Care and (if eligible) child care subsidy for full time only
Loan forbearance & interest accrual payment for service period

Major Responsibilities:

1. Mentor at-risk middle & high school aged youth in one-on-one and small group settings.
2. Develop and oversee activities of mentoring programs, including ensuring sufficient volunteers, monitoring matches and recording attendance.
3. Recruit and screen students for programs.
4. Recruit, screen, and monitor volunteers.
5. Coordinate an annual community-service project involving youth.
6. Accurate reporting and recording of interaction with youth.
7. Maintain regular communication with the parents and teachers of the children involved.

8. Attend training, professional development activities, and mandated days of service, including Member Celebration and Signature Service Project.

Qualifications:

1. 18 years or older
2. U.S. citizen, or U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the United States
3. High School Diploma or equivalent, Bachelors or credits towards bachelors is preferred
4. Experience volunteering in human services, education, or youth development
5. Strong desire to work with youth to promote positive, trusting and accepting relationships
6. Submit to and receive approval on criminal background checks, a child protective background check, and if appropriate a motor vehicle check
7. Commitment to community service and ability to provide service for the complete program year

Skills, Knowledge:

1. Ability to maintain professional boundaries with students, peers, and supervisors
2. Willingness to learn and attend all AmeriCorps trainings
3. Ability to provide academic support and mentor middle and high school aged students as determined by the interview and application
4. Ability to work effectively with schools & various faith-based and community organizations
5. Enjoy serving with adolescents
6. Experience and/or interest in addressing issues within our community
7. Effective communication skills
8. Willingness to be an active team member, and ability to serve in a diverse team
9. Good organizational skills and ability to follow through with assigned tasks
10. Flexible and enjoy service to the community
11. Willingness to serve toward a sense of community with team members, nonprofit partners, and the school community

This program is available to all, without regard to disability, race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation. Reasonable accommodations provided upon request.

Application Instructions:

Send resume and direct questions to Yah-Hanna Jenkins Leys, AmeriCorps Program Director, Good Samaritan Ministries, 513 E 8th Street, Holland, MI 49423. (616) 392-7159 or yjenkinsleys@goodsamministries.com. **Applications due by July 27, 2019.**