

Letter of Intent to apply - please expand this document as necessary
Completed Letter of Intent and Self Assessment due to MCVS no later than November 15, 2016.

**Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service // Volunteer Mississippi
2017-2018 AmeriCorps State Grant Application**

Proposed Program Title:

Contact Person:

Title:

Name of Applicant Organization:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Email address:

Website address:

Type of Applicant (Nonprofit, State or Local Government, etc):

Geographic Area to be served (town, county, etc):

U.S. Congressional District to be served:

Who will benefit from this proposed program's activities (children, veterans, homeless, etc.)?

Estimated federal funds to be requested:

Maximum Cost per MSY = \$13,830. 20 MSYs = \$276,600 (20 x \$13,830) maximum federal funds.

Anticipated source of required grantee share/match:

**Please list federal grant funds previously (or currently) administered by your organization:
(expand chart as necessary)**

YEAR	FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL DOLLARS RECEIVED

AmeriCorps Members

Please see attached BENEFITS document before completing the chart below.

How many AmeriCorps positions do you anticipate requesting for the proposed program? This is to provide MCVS with an idea of the number of positions which will be requested by all applicants.

STIPEND (LIVING ALLOWANCE THROUGH GRANT)	POSITION	EDUCATION AWARD ONLY (NO LIVING ALLOWANCE THROUGH GRANT)
	FULL TIME (1700 HOURS)	
	HALF TIME (900 HOURS)	
	REDUCED HALF TIME (675 HOURS)	
	QUARTER TIME (450 HOURS)	
	MINIMUM TIME (300 HOURS)	

Mission Statement of Organization:

Mission Statement for proposed AmeriCorps program:

Indicate the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Focus Area(s) to be addressed by this proposed program.

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families
- Other (please explain)

Will your program -

- Propose national performance measures? Yes No

See performance measure instructions [here](#), but be aware this document is 136 pages.

Briefly describe (expand as needed):

- the need to be addressed by this AmeriCorps program.
- activities AmeriCorps members will perform in order to address that need.
- why AmeriCorps members are a highly effective means to solve the community needs your program proposes to address.

A-133 AUDIT:

●**All applicants** -- including those currently, recently, or never funded with AmeriCorps funds -- must provide MCVS with a copy of your organization's most recent A-133 audit (if expended \$750,000 or more in total federal funds in your organization's last fiscal year) **or** a copy of your most recent financial statement review by November 21, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Stein at 601.842.6700 or judy@volunteermisissippi.org

Please send completed Letter of Intent via email attachment to Judy Stein at judy@volunteermisissippi.org no later than **November 15, 2016**.

2017-2018 AmeriCorps							
Term of Service/ Position	MSY	Minimum Number of Hours	Education Award*	Minimum Living Allowance	Maximum Living Allowance	Health Care Insurance	Child Care Assistance*
FULL TIME	1	1700	\$5,815	\$12,630	\$24,930	YES	IF INCOME ELIGIBLE
HALF TIME	.5	900	\$2,907.50	<i>A living allowance is not required for less than full time participants. If one is provided there is no minimum but there is a maximum. →</i>	\$13,199	NOT APPLICABLE	
REDUCED HALF TIME	.381	675	\$2,215.24		\$9,899		
QUARTER TIME	.265	450	\$1,538.36		\$6,599		
MINIMUM TIME	.212	300	\$1,230.69		\$4,440		

Maximum Cost per MSY = \$13,830

There are numerous types of positions available, and each applicant must determine the best combination of slots that will prove successful in effectively meeting the program's goals. Some programs engage full time members only; others may engage both full time and less than full time members.

- **Programs are not required to propose more than one type of position.**
- **No program should propose engaging all types of the above positions.**

In the above chart you will see that a Full Time participant (1 MSY) must complete a minimum of 1700 hours during the 12-month program year, earns a minimum of \$12,630 in living allowance, receives health insurance through the grant, and may receive child care assistance if income eligible. At the successful completion of his/her term of service, a full time AmeriCorps member receives an education award of \$5,815 from the National Service Trust.

A minimum time participant (.212 MSY) must complete a minimum of 300 hours during the program year, may or may not receive a living allowance through the grant (applicant determined), is not eligible for health insurance or child care assistance, and will earn an education award of \$1,230.69 from the National Service Trust upon successful completion of his/her term of service.

Minimum time positions are favorable for college students or individuals with other employment. A full time member must serve approximately 40 hours a week in order to earn the required 1700 hours (1700/52 weeks=32.6). College students or individuals working other jobs encounter time issues when attempting to fulfill the full time position's 1700 hour requirement.

Less than full time positions are also good for less than a 12-month program year. For example, a summer component engaging minimum time members for 4 months (300 hours/4 months = 75 hours per month of service).

