

Serving with you. In your community. Apply for an AmeriCorps NCCC team today!



AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) invites potential Project Sponsors in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia to apply for our teams of developing leaders. This class marks the second year of NCCC's Southern Region Campus in Vicksburg, MS, and the 17th year NCCC has been strengthening communities and developing leaders nationwide.

The Southern Region Campus assigns teams to service projects lasting 3-8 weeks, to help communities meet their most compelling needs. Teams are available during four rounds (see table below). Round start and end dates listed below are subject to change, and proposed projects need not fill the entire round.

We have developed a simple two-step process to apply for a team: a Project Concept Form and a Project Application. Potential sponsors must complete a Concept Form. If the Project Concept Form meets NCCC requirements and regional priorities, a full application will be requested.

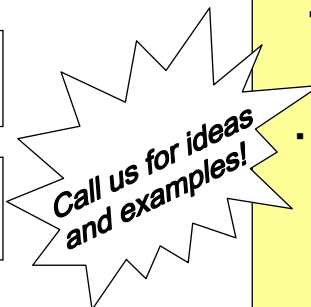
Class 17 Project Dates	Concept Form Due	Project Application Due
Round 1: September 1-October 16	April 15, 2010	May 14, 2010
Round 2: October 25-December 11	June 15, 2010	July 15, 2010
Round 3: January 19-March 18	September 1, 2010	October 1, 2010
Round 4: March 28-May 19	October 15, 2010	November 15, 2010

To find out what we can do, or submit a Concept Form, contact the project representative for your state:

States: AL, GA, NC, SC, TN, Central & Northern MS
Contact: Sonya Burks, sburks@cns.gov, 601-630-4045

States: FL, KY, LA, VA, WV, Southern MS
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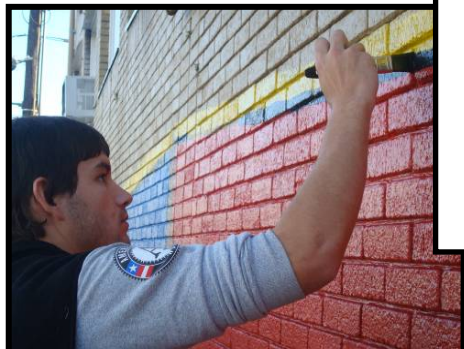
Please allow two weeks for Southern Region staff to review your Concept Form. Upon successful review, you will be invited to submit a Project Application. Southern Region staff will contact you to provide technical assistance with composing the application. Team awards will be announced about 6 weeks after the application deadline.



NCCC Service Project Initiatives*:

- Natural & Other Disaster Services
50% of all projects!
- Environmental Stewardship & Conservation
- Urban and Rural Development
- Energy Conservation
- Infrastructure Improvement

**As required by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act*



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See the next page for more information about NCCC and guidance for completing your application.

Learn More about AmeriCorps NCCC
See below or visit www.americorps.gov/nccc

Who are AmeriCorps NCCC Members

- Men and women age 18 to 24 who serve a full-time, 10-month term to help solve community problems on teams of 8-10 members.
- Recruited nationally, from different social, cultural, and educational backgrounds.
- Over 30% are college graduates, 30% with some college background, 30% with high school diplomas and a small percentage that are working towards their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

Costs to Sponsoring Organizations

There is no direct charge or match for a team's services, but sponsors must provide (and pay for, if necessary):

- Lodging for the team (if farther than one hour from Vicksburg, MS) to include: access to a full kitchen for meal preparation, bathroom facilities appropriate for the team's size, at least two sleeping areas for men and women, and parking for one van. *See Lodging Options below*
- All project materials and special tools/equipment.
- All technical supervision to ensure the smooth arrival of supplies and guarantee the necessary training for project tasks (amount of supervision depends on the project). Examples include tool safety training, proper painting techniques, tutoring/curricula training, etc.
- Orientation to your organization and community, as well as "service learning" education on the social issues related to the project.
- Food (not required but strongly encouraged). This could include meals provided by cafeterias, restaurants or church groups, gift cards to grocery stores, or access to food banks.

Lodging Options – Volunteer centers, churches, youth hostels, YMCA/YWCA facilities, vacant apartments in public housing facilities, college campuses, military facilities, federal government facilities, camping (NCCC can provide camping gear), summer camps during the off-season, retreat centers, state park cabins.

Who May Apply for an AmeriCorps NCCC Team

Nonprofit and faith-based organizations, government entities (federal, state, and local), public schools and universities, and Native American Tribal Councils.

What AmeriCorps NCCC Provides

- Team Leader to coordinate and reside with each team. Team Leaders are not technical project supervisors, but they can assist sponsors with managing the team. Each Team Leader receives specialized training in supervisory skills, issue resolution and a variety of other project-management skills. All Team Leaders report to a designated NCCC staff Unit Leader.
- One 15-passenger van per team; fuel covered by NCCC.
- Limited funds specifically designated for the team to purchase groceries, if the sponsor cannot provide food.
- All AmeriCorps members are fully insured by the Federal Tort Claims Act and Federal Employees Coverage Act.
- Limited hand tools.



Make Your Application More Competitive

Proposals to utilize teams to lead non-NCCC volunteers, or to engage in disaster services – disaster preparation, mitigation, response or recovery – will receive preference. Organizations submitting thorough, detailed concept forms and applications by the deadlines will also receive preference. Proposed projects should also include the following:

- **Address the most compelling community needs, with minimal routine or menial work.**
- Utilize all team members effectively throughout the project (minimum of 40 hours a week, not counting lunch).
- Outline specific tasks and a plan for accomplishing them, along with anticipated project outcomes.
- Provide opportunities for members' growth and development, during and after initial training/orientation.
- Outline your plan to sustain project accomplishments after the team departs.