

DeltaCorps FAQs

1. When does the NOFA process begin for DeltaCorps?

We will begin accepting applications from organizations who are interested in hosting or partnering with operating sites to host DeltaCorps positions August 1, 2016. In this first year of the DeltaCorps program, we will accept applications on a rolling basis, with awards made to organizations for new DeltaCorps positions to begin service every other month. We anticipate having DeltaCorps members begin service by September 1, 2016.

2. Where can an organization find the NOFA?

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) can be found on the Delta Regional Authority website at <http://dra.gov/delta-leadership-institute/deltacorps-service-program-of-ameri-corps-and-delta-regional-authority/>

You will also find the Notice of Intent (which must be submitted in advance of an application) and the Checklist for Review on our website. You can also find a calendar of webinars and conference calls that we will host about the NOFA on our events page here: <http://dra.gov/newsroom/events/>

3. If we apply for DeltaCorps, when would we expect to know that our application was successful?

We will make funding decisions in August, as well as throughout the Program Year (September 1st- August 30th) on a rolling basis.

4. How many DeltaCorps positions can we apply for?

There is no limit to the amount of DeltaCorps positions an organization can apply for; however, DRA anticipates placing members in each of the 8 states in the DRA footprint. (Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.) Members will be full time, serving 40 hours per week or 1700 hours over the 12-month service year.

5. What do DeltaCorps members do?

DeltaCorps members are involved in direct service activities—meaning they are serving in activities that directly affect the target population: afterschool tutoring, building housing, mentoring, etc.

6. When can members be involved in capacity building activities?

DeltaCorps members should not be involved in capacity building activities. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve in indirect activities, meaning they are involved in capacity

building with the target population: grant writing, volunteer programming, creating curriculum or volunteer manuals, etc. VISTA grants are awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, who houses a state office in each state to accept and facilitate those grants. An organization can apply for just one or two VISTA members, which sometimes is a better fit for an organization's needs.

7. What are the matching fund requirements of DeltaCorps?

Organizations will need to supply a \$2,000 cash match per DeltaCorps member.

8. What does the DeltaCorps award pay for?

DeltaCorps is a cost reimbursement award that will cover the following expenses for the DeltaCorps member: healthcare insurance, living allowance, and the required National Service Criminal History Checks. An organization would submit a monthly invoice to our offices to be reimbursed for expenses associated with the DeltaCorps program.

9. How much is the living allowance?

A full time DeltaCorps member can earn \$12,530 for a year of service (1700 hours).

10. How does the education award work?

A full time DeltaCorps member can earn an education award of \$5,775 to help pay for student loans or to offset the cost of attending school at any Title IV institution. The education award is awarded to the member after they have successfully completed their term of service in AmeriCorps.

11. If we do not currently have AmeriCorps members, are we still eligible to apply?

Although our NOFA does target organizations that currently host AmeriCorps members, this is not a hard requirement.