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Volunteer Maryland Announces Call for Recruits to Serve as Volunteer Coordinators for AmeriCorps

Members of the public encouraged to apply to assist eligible nonprofit partner organizations

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Volunteer Maryland today announced the open application period for members of the public to become AmeriCorps members by serving as volunteer coordinators for eligible partner organizations across the state. Applications to help mobilize and manage volunteers will remain open until August 31.

“Over almost 30 years, Volunteer Maryland has steadily built a network of partnerships that are mutually invested in changing Maryland for the better,” said Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives Steven J. McAdams. “Our program volunteers and partner sites continue to inspire the next generation of leadership and we’re thankful for their service to our great state.”

Volunteer Maryland partners with nonprofits, government agencies, and schools to address critical community needs, including education, economic opportunities, disaster services, healthy futures, environmental stewardship, and veterans and military families. AmeriCorps members serve among eligible Volunteer Maryland partner organizations for an 11-month commitment, this year beginning on September 14.

New AmeriCorps members will receive two weeks of pre-service training on volunteer coordination and best practices, and will conclude their year of service on August 1, 2023. No experience is required; interested individuals may apply online at volunteer.maryland.gov/acm.

“The COVID-19 pandemic and recovery efforts have highlighted critical needs in our communities,” said Director of Volunteer Maryland Sharon Lewis. “Organizations and AmeriCorps members are creating new ways to distribute resources and mobilize volunteers to meet these needs. AmeriCorps members are needed now, more than ever, to serve with Volunteer Maryland to continue to strengthen Maryland’s communities.”

This year’s eligible Volunteer Maryland partner sites that are recruiting for AmeriCorps members include:

- 4H University of Maryland
- Anne Arundel County Forestry Board
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools’ Arlington Echo
- Baltimore City Recreation and Parks
- Baltimore Community ToolBank
- Blue Water Baltimore
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore
- Break A Difference
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Prince George’s County
- Clay Hill Public Charter School
- Community Support Systems
- Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County
- Delmarva Community Services Inc.
- Franciscan Center of Baltimore
- Gigi’s Playhouse
- Housing Authority of Baltimore City
- Housing Options and Planning Enterprises
- Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake
- Justice Jobs of Maryland
- Literacy Council of Montgomery County
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Mid Shore Community Mediation Center
- Network for Developing Conscious Communities
- Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter and Employment)
- Seeds 4 Success
- Senior Legal Services
- So What Else?
- Stella Girls
- The Community Ecology Institute
- The Ulman Cancer Fund
- Turn Around, Inc.
- University of Maryland Baltimore CURE Scholars Program

Last year, volunteers contributed 11,600 hours and assisted more than 49,000 clients, including more than 2,000 children, at 25 sites across Maryland.

Since 1992, Volunteer Maryland has built more than 350 partnerships with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and schools across Maryland and has trained more than 700 volunteer coordinators to bridge the gap between communities facing critical challenges and citizens who want to volunteer to help. Through Volunteer Maryland partnerships, more than 135,000 volunteers have been mobilized to serve two million volunteer hours in communities around the state.

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About Volunteer Maryland

Established in 1992, Volunteer Maryland places volunteer coordinators in partner organizations to increase volunteer program efficiencies, recruit volunteers, and develop volunteer programs. In 1993, Volunteer Maryland began utilizing funding from the Corporation for National Community Service to recruit AmeriCorps members to serve as Volunteer Coordinators. Learn more by visiting our website at volunteer.maryland.gov and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

The [Governor's Office of Community Initiatives](#) is Governor Larry Hogan's office to enhance and improve opportunities for Maryland residents. It oversees the [Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism](#), [Volunteer Maryland](#), community affairs and engagement within the executive branch of Maryland government, faith-based outreach, and the governor's eight ethnic and cultural commissions.