

2013-14 AmeriCorps Application

I. Application Cover Sheet

APPLICANT NAME:

DATE:

Member Requirements: Applicants must meet all of the following criteria in order to be eligible to apply

- ☒ 17 years old or older by program start date
- ☒ U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- ☒ Commitment to serve the community!

Applicants must have an interest in working with school-aged youth, no criminal background, and be able to serve as a positive role model. In return for service, members receive a biweekly living allowance and end of term education award.

Program Preference: *(select which program you would like to be considered for)*

- ☒ **Education** – Serve with one of CitySquare’s community partners agencies in a structured afterschool or summer program to provide daily enrichment activities to youth in low income areas of Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. *(300-675 hours of service required)*
- ☐ **Hunger** – Help fight hunger throughout the year with CitySquare’s food pantry or during the summer through Food on the Move, a mobile feeding program that provides daily meals to 10,000 children residing in Dallas, Houston and Austin. *(450-900 hours of service required)*
- ☐ **Other Community Needs** – Serve with CitySquare programs focused on volunteer management and neighbor support services in Dallas. *(450-1,700 hours of service required)*

Earliest Availability:

Commitment:

- ☐ Year-Round *(9-11mths)* ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☒ Summer

Service Area:

- ☒ Dallas ☐ Houston ☐ San Antonio ☐ Austin *(summer only)*

Application Process:

Applicants are encouraged to apply early as applications are considered on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Qualified applicants are screened and interviewed by both CitySquare and a partner agency before any formal offer can be made.

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II. Applicant Information

Legal Name: _____ **SSN:** _____
Full Legal Name *Social Security Number*

Address: _____
Address at time of application *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *Zip Code*

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Are you a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you have a valid Driver's License? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you drive your own car? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you speak Spanish? YES ☐ NO ☐ Other Language: _____

III. Education

Please list the last two schools you have attended, beginning with the most recent:

School Name: _____ City/State: _____

Currently Enrolled: YES ☐ NO ☐ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____ N/A ☐

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Currently Enrolled: YES ☐ NO ☐ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____ N/A ☐

Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent prior to service, please complete the following:

☐ I possess a high school diploma or have received an equivalency certificate.

School Name / Year: _____ City/State: _____

☐ I do not possess a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. Therefore,

☐ I agree to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award and certify that I have not dropped out of elementary or secondary school in order to enroll as an AmeriCorps member.

OR

☐ During my term of service, I agree to pursue a high school diploma or equivalency certificate.

IV. Legal Information

Are you currently on probation or been convicted for any criminal offense other than minor traffic violations?

** Your certifying signature at the end of this application allows us to run a FBI background check on you prior to service.*

☐ YES ☐ NO If Yes, please explain: _____

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V. Work Experience/Extracurricular Activities

Please list your previous work experience beginning with your most recent position. If you have no work experience, please list extracurricular activities, volunteer work, club membership, youth groups, or other leadership roles you have taken on in school or other organizations.

Company/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Worked/Served From: _____ To: _____

Duties : _____

Company/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Worked/Served From: _____ To: _____

Duties: _____

VI. Essay

Please complete the following essay question. Essays are evaluated on content, structure and grammar. Your response should be approximately 250-500 words. Applications with insufficient essays will not be considered complete and will not be reviewed. Please use the form field below or attach as a separate document.

Describe the life experience(s) that motivate(s) you to serve in AmeriCorps.

VII. Certification

The AmeriCorps application process requires a three-part National Service Criminal History Check. This background check requires a search of the (1) National Sex Offenders Website, (2) a Texas Department of Public Safety check and if applicable, a state repository check through your current state of residence and (3) a FBI fingerprint background check.

By typing my name in the space below and submitting electronically, or by providing an original signature, I consent to the AmeriCorps program to complete the above-mentioned criminal background checks. I certify that all the statements made in this application, including verification of high school diploma or equivalency are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith. Misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification or termination as an AmeriCorps member. I understand that any offer to serve is contingent upon the results of the required three-part check and proof of my citizenship status and age.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For parent or guardian of applicants under 18 years of age – By typing my name in the space below and submitting electronically, or by providing an original signature, I certify I have reviewed this application, and I authorize my son/daughter/legal ward to apply and, if selected, to participate in AmeriCorps.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____