

Life After AmeriCorps: Segal Education Award

Green Iowa AmeriCorps
2025 – 2026



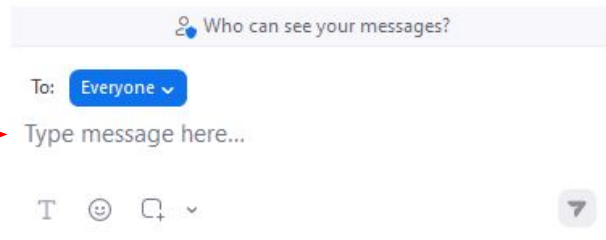
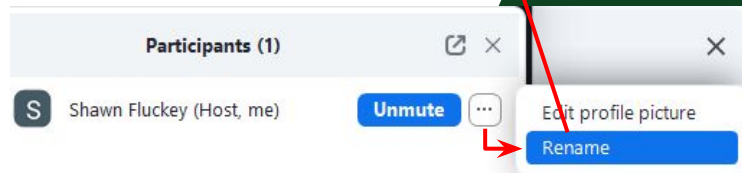
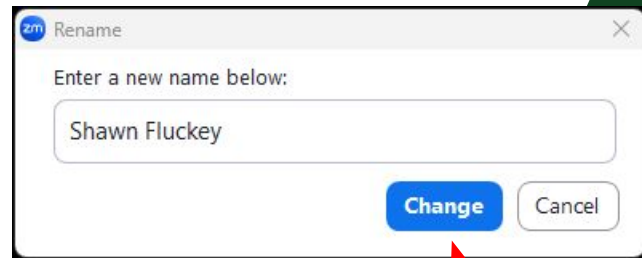
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Before we jump into things...

We need to take attendance! If you are joining solo from a personal computer, please be sure your Zoom name matches your first and last name for our Zoom attendance record.

If you are attending this call with other people and you are all using the same computer, **please type into the chat the names of everyone (including yourself!)** who is with you.



Post-AmeriCorps Service Benefits

The Segal AmeriCorps Education Award is a post-service benefit earned by an individual who successfully completes a term of national service in an approved AmeriCorps program. **The award can be used towards educational expenses** (*and a few other things that we'll touch on*).

And...

Federal education loans are eligible for **National Service Forbearance**. This means you do not have to pay on your federal education loans while serving.

And...

A payment of **accrued interest** for qualified federal educational loans through the National Service Trust (*only for loans placed and accepted into National Service Forbearance*).



When will I receive my Education Award?

The Segal Education Award becomes available in your MyAmeriCorps portal **30-60 days** after we have everything we need from you to process your exit from the program, such as:

- Completed minimum # of required hours.
- Your final approved OnCorps timesheet.
- Your completed PDP and its requirements.
- Your Leave Behind Documentation.
- Your completed and signed End-of-Term Evaluation.
- Documentation showing you completed New Member Orientation & Life After AmeriCorps training.
- Etc.

So, it really depends on you!



(For the 2025-2026 service term)

How much is the award?

Members are eligible to receive the education award amount associated with their slot type.

Slot Types:

- Full-Time (FT) (1,700 hours)
- Three-Quarter-Time (TQT) (1,200 hours)
- Half-Time (HT) (900 hours)
- Reduced-Half-Time (RHT) (675 hours)
- Quarter-Time (QT) (450 hours)
- Minimum-Time (MT) (300 hours)

Participation types	Minimum # of hours	Amounts
Full-time (FT)	1,700 (365 days for AmeriCorps VISTA)	\$7,395.00
Three-quarters-time (TQT)	1,200	\$5,176.50
Half-time (HT)	900	\$3,697.50
Reduced half-time (RHT)	675	\$2,817.14
Quarter-time (QT)	450	\$1,956.35
Minimal-time and Summer Associate (MT and SA)	300	\$1,565.08
Abbreviated Time (AT)	100	\$416.17

Education Award Limitations

	Member Type	Education Award Amount
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You all have a similar looking table in your Member Service Agreement. All of you serving in the 2025-2026 service term had your positions and education award amounts approved in FY 2025.

You can only earn an equivalent of 2 full-time (1700-hour) education awards in your lifetime.

Your award equivalent is calculated based on the value of a full-time award for the fiscal year (FY) in which it was approved.

Education Award Limitations: Award Equivalents

Member Slot Type	Education Award Amount (FY25)	Full-Time (FT) Education Award Equivalent
Full-Time (1700 hours)	\$7,395.00	$\$7,395.00 / \$7,395.00 = 1$
Three-Quarter-Time (1200 hours)	\$5,176.50	$\$5,176.50 / \$7,395.00 = 0.7$
Half-Time (900 hours)	\$3,697.50	$\$3,697.50 / \$7,395.00 = 0.5$
Reduced-Half-Time (675 hours)	\$2,817.14	$\$2,817.14 / \$7,395.00 = 0.381$
Quarter-Time (450 hours)	\$1,956.35	$\$1,956.35 / \$7,395.00 = 0.265$
Minimum-Time (300 hours)	\$1,565.08	$\$1,565.08 / \$7,395.00 = 0.212$

The education awards have dollar amounts associated with them, yes, but equally important, they also have full-time education award equivalent values. **This becomes important if you are (1) motivated by the education award and/or (2) interested in serving multiple AmeriCorps service terms.**

Education Award & Service Term Limitations

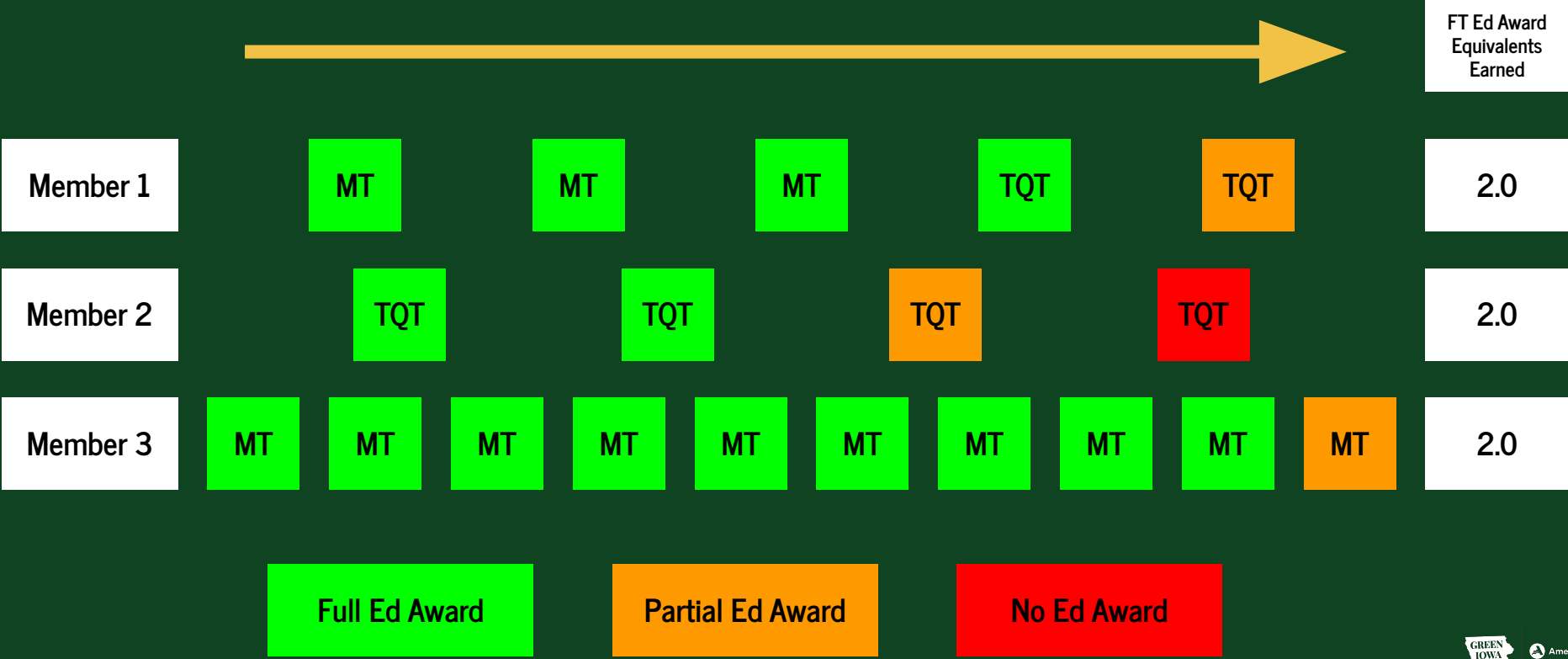
There are limits on the number of terms an individual can serve in AmeriCorps State and National programs, such as Green Iowa AmeriCorps, and on the maximum number of education awards one individual can earn.

Starting with this 2025-2026 service term, an individual serving in AmeriCorps can serve for the number of terms needed to earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards or for 4 terms, whichever is longer.

Completing a FT, TQT, RHT, or MT term and earning an education award counts as 1 term when determining term limitations. Once you earn an award, the dollar amount of that award does not change.

Let's look at this visually and then go through 2 examples.

Education Award & Service Term Limitations



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The Full-Time Education Award amount for Fiscal Year 2025, which is the 2025-2026 service term is \$7,395.00. Hannah has only completed 2 terms and is enrolling in a third term (under the 4-term limit). Of the 2 terms Hannah has completed, she has been awarded \$6,635.76 (= \$1,459.26 + \$5,176.50) and has earned **0.912** (= 0.212 + 0.7) full-time education award equivalents.

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A TQT position is 0.7 of a full-time education award equivalent. Adding 0.7 to Hannah's currently earned 0.912 equivalents gives **1.612**, which is less than the 2 full-time education award equivalents an individual can earn.

Therefore, Hannah will receive 0.7 full-time education award equivalents for 2025-2026, or \$5,176.50 ($= 0.7 \times \$7,395.00$), which is the full education award amount for a TQT position.

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Yes. Hannah is neither term-limited (she has completed **3** service terms, which is less than 4) nor education award equivalent limited ($0.212 + 0.7 + 0.7 = 1.612$, which is less than 2.0).

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If she serves in any role greater than a Reduced-Half-Time position (0.381 equivalents), though, she will earn $2.0 - 1.612$ or **0.388** x *whatever the Full-Time Education Award amount is for the Fiscal Year in which her position was approved.*

Bonus: Can she serve 5 terms? If so, how could she do it?

Example 2

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The Full-Time Education Award amount for Fiscal Year 2025, which is the 2025-2026 service term, is \$7,395.00. Kevin has completed 3 AmeriCorps terms thus far. Of the 3 terms that Kevin has completed, he has been awarded \$13,250.50 ($= \$3,247.50 + \$4,826.50 + \$5,176.50$) and has earned **1.9** ($= 0.5 + 0.7 + 0.7$) full-time education award equivalents. Will he earn the full \$5,176.50 amount for his TQT position?

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Unlike Hannah from Example 1, Kevin cannot earn the full \$5,176.50 education award of his current TQT position, because he cannot earn more than 2 full-time education award equivalents in his lifetime. Therefore, for the 2025-2026 service year, his education award will be:

$$2.0 - 0.5 - 0.7 - 0.7 = 0.1 \times \$7,395.00 = \$739.50$$

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\$739.50 is notably less than what a Minimum-Time (MT) member would normally get for an education award (\$1,565.08). Still, Kevin must complete all 1,200 hours of the TQT position and exit the program successfully to be awarded the \$739.50 amount. When Kevin enrolled in his current 4th service term, he was asked to log into his MyAmeriCorps portal to acknowledge and accept the partial education award amount.

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Unfortunately, no. Kevin has earned the maximum 2.0 full-time education award equivalents and therefore cannot enroll in any more terms. We now have to say goodbye to Kevin.

Bye, Kevin! Thank you for your service!

Does the award expire?

Yes, **seven (7) years** from the date in which it was awarded (end date of service).

You don't have to use it all at once. You can send any amount from \$1.00 to 100% of the cumulative amount awarded to you.

Use it or lose it – **August 2033** (or **October 2033 if you were a late-start member**) will be here before you know it!



Can you extend the award's use period?

Yes. There are certain circumstances where you are able to extend your education award's use period beyond the 7 years.

One of those circumstances is if you served another term of national service during the use period of a previous education award already earned.

A lot of our members do serve multiple terms of service. Two terms. Three terms.



Applying for an Education Award Extension

Shawn completed three terms with Green Iowa:

1. Minimum-Time (5/2018 – 8/2018)
2. Full-Time (9/2018 – 8/2019)
3. Full-Time (9/2019 – 8/2020)

Back in July 2025, August 2018 was almost 7 years ago 🙄, and so the education award from Shawn's first term was about to expire.

So, Shawn logged into his MyAmeriCorps portal and applied for an award extension.



If you get to 6 years after your service term ended and you haven't fully used your Education Award, AmeriCorps will send an email to the email address you provided them in the MyAmeriCorps portal.



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HOME

My AmeriCorps

Welcome, Shawn Fluckey

Welcome to the My AmeriCorps website for members and alumni. This site presents information that will help you before, during and after your service. Please be sure that all of your contact information is up-to-date.

My Information

Name: Shawn Fluckey

Preferred Name: Shawn Fluckey

NSPID: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

SSN Status: Verified - 05/23/2018

Citizenship Status: Verified - 05/23/2018

Veteran/Active Duty/Military Family Status: I am not in the military, a veteran or a family member of someone in the U.S. Armed Forces

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Username: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Make sure you're not using an email address that you may lose access to in the future, such as your school email!

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award Extension Notice

From: epayments at ameri-corps.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Saturday, August 17th, 2024 at 12:19 AM

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE

Dear Shawn Fluckey,

Our records indicate that the period of time in which you may access your Segal Education Award (education award) will expire on 08/17/2025.

Note: If you have already received an extension to the original expiration date for this award, please disregard this notice. The use period for an education award can be extended only one time.

Under our governing legislation, you must use your education award within seven years (ten years if it is a Transferred or Summer of Service award) of the date on which you successfully completed a term of service (or the award was originally earned) unless you apply for and receive an extension. After the expiration date, your education award can only be accessed if you have applied for and received an extension.

If you wish to request an extension to the original period of availability within which you can use your education award, you must apply to AmeriCorps for an extension prior to the expiration date. AmeriCorps may extend the period in which individuals may use their earned education award under limited circumstances. The condition upon which an extension request is based must have occurred during the use period of your award.

AmeriCorps may grant a timely requested extension under the following circumstances:

(1) If the individual served and successfully completed subsequent terms of service in another approved national service position or AmeriCorps VISTA program that fell within the use period of the previous award. The length of the extension will be equivalent to the length of the individual's subsequent terms of service.

(2) If the individual served in the Peace Corps or the military, for a period of time that fell within the period for award usage, AmeriCorps may grant an extension to the use period that is equivalent to the length of time that the individual served in the Peace Corps or the military.

(3) If an individual was unavoidably prevented from using his/her education award during the use period, AmeriCorps may grant an extension for a period, generally, of one year. The following is a list of situations that may warrant an extension:

* The individual's serious illness, injury or disability.

* The death, serious illness, injury or disability of someone in the individual's immediate family.

* The destruction or inaccessibility of important service records maintained by the program.

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Award Extension Request

To request an Award Extension, please verify that your personal information is correct, select the appropriate reason for your request from the dropdown box and provide a brief explanation in the space provided. If required, attach the required documentation needed to substantiate your request and submit the request.

If you are unable to attach your documentation electronically, please complete this form and then click the "print" button at the bottom of this form to print out your request, including your comments and reason for requesting an extension, and either fax (202-606-3484) or mail your request and paper documentation to the Trust.

[Click here for help.](#)

My Information
 Request ID: 0

Creation Date:

Name: Shawn Fluckey
 Preferred Name: Shawn Fluckey
 Date of Birth:
 NSPID:
 SSN:
 E-mail:
 Citizenship Status:
 Permanent Address:
 Home Phone Number:
 Work or Other Phone Number:
 Mailing Address:
 Home Phone Number:
 Work or Other Phone Number:

Request Information
 Comments:

Term of service: 05/21/2018 to 08/17/2018

 Reason for Request: Performed another term of service in an approved AmeriCorps position

The acceptable documentation formats to upload are:
 .txt (Text file); .doc (Word document); .docx (newer version of Word); .xls (Excel); .xlsx (newer version of Excel); .pdf (Portable Document Format); .ppt (PowerPoint); .pptx (newer version of PowerPoint); and .jpeg (image).

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Certify and Submit
 I certify that all of the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by a fine or imprisonment or both pursuant to Section 1001 of Title 18, USC.
 If you are unable to make these certifications, please contact the help desk at 1-800-942-2677.

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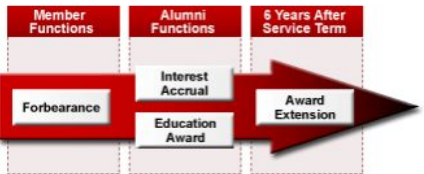
From this page, you can manage your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award requests, view your award balances, and view any previous payments that were made on your behalf. To create new requests, use the links to the left or click on the picture to the right.

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Request	Status	Creation Date	Modified Date
Award Extension	Accepted by Trust	7/07/2025	7/07/2025

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Award Information



Applying for an Education Award Extension

Because Shawn requested the award extension within his MyAmeriCorps portal, AmeriCorps already knew that Shawn completed two subsequent AmeriCorps terms. Therefore, his request was granted instantly.

The education award that Shawn earned during his first term of service back in August 2018 now expires when the education award from his third service term expires (August 2027), which is a 2-year / 2-term extension.

The screenshot displays the 'My AmeriCorps' portal. On the left is a navigation menu with options: 'Applicant Home', 'My Tax Statements', 'My Education Award' (highlighted), 'Create Forbearance Request', 'Create Interest Payment Request', 'Create Education Award Payment Request', 'Create Award Extension Request', 'My Service Letter', and 'Contact My AmeriCorps'. The main content area is titled 'My Education Award' and includes instructions on managing Segal AmeriCorps Education Award requests. A diagram shows a flow from 'Member Functions' (Forbearance) to 'Alumni Functions' (Interest Accrual, Education Award) to '6 Years After Service Term' (Award Extension). Below this is a 'Click here for help.' link. A 'My Requests' table shows a request for 'Award Extension' with a status of 'Accepted by Trust', created on 7/07/2025, and modified on 7/07/2025. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Account Statement' and 'Award Information'.

My AmeriCorps

My Education Award

From this page, you can manage your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award requests, view your award balances, and view any previous payments that were made on your behalf. To create new requests, use the links to the left or click on the picture to the right.

[Click here for help.](#)

Request	Status ?	Creation Date	Modified Date
Award Extension	Accepted by Trust	7/07/2025	7/07/2025

Account Statement

Award Information

But, don't worry, Shawn plans to use these things well before then!

Accessing Your Post-Service Benefits

If you use assistive technology and need assistance accessing the My AmeriCorps Portal please contact the National Service Hotline at 1-800-942-2677.



2025 Tax Forms have been mailed.

Effective September 30, 2025, and in accordance with the Executive Order on "Mandating the Transition to Electronic Payments to Improve Efficiency, Reduce Costs, and Prevent Fraud," all payments issued through this system must be made via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Paper checks and other paper-based payment methods will no longer be permitted for disbursements, in support of the federal government's policy to modernize financial operations, reduce the risk of fraud, and improve overall payment security." New Users: If you are registering for an institution account for the first time, you will be required to enter valid EFT banking information in order to complete your registration. New or returning VISTA/NCCC members will be required to enter valid routing number and account number to set up direct deposit in order to be activated for service.

Please complete all required fields. An asterisk (*) denotes a required field.
By clicking on "login" you are agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined below:

* Username:

* Password:

[Forgot your Username?](#) | [Forgot your Password?](#) | [Login Help](#)

You access your education award and other post-service benefits through your MyAmeriCorps portal.

Once you leave us, everything is done through this portal!

*UNI and GIA program staff do **NOT** have access to your portal or your education award. Please don't ask us for your password.*

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>

Using your Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

You can use your education award to pay off qualified federal student loans. Examples of qualified loans:

Loans backed by the federal government under Title IV of the Higher Education Act:

Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, Supplemental Loans to Students (SLS), Federal Consolidated Loans, Federally Insured Student Loans (FISL), William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans, National Defense Student Loans, Direct Stafford Loans, Direct Consolidation Loans

Notably missing from the above list: Parent PLUS Loans to parents of students.



Using your Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

You can use your education award to pay off qualified federal student loans. Examples of qualified loans:

Loans under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Service Health Act:

- Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL)
- Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL)
- Nursing Student Loans (NSL)
- Primary Care Loans (PCL)
- Loans for Disadvantaged Students



Using your Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

You can use your education award to pay off qualified federal student loans. Examples of qualified loans:

Any loan determined by an institution of higher education to be necessary to cover a student's cost of attendance at such institution and made directly to a student by a state agency (includes state institutions of higher education)

If you don't know if your loans are qualified, ask the entity that holds your loan.



Using your Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

Private loans (e.g., from the local bank) **do not qualify** and cannot be paid off with your Education Award.



Also, you cannot use your Education Award to pay an old debt to a school, such as an outstanding tuition bill, that you incurred before your AmeriCorps service term and that you didn't take out a qualified student loan to cover.

However, if you took out a qualified student loan to pay for expenses incurred prior to your AmeriCorps service, you can use the Education Award to repay the qualified loan.

Using the Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

In your MyAmeriCorps portal, you can direct your education award towards your loan provider.

AmeriCorps Contact My AmeriCorps | Site Help | Logout
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My AmeriCorps

- Applicant Home
- My Tax Statements
- My Education Award
 - Create Forbearance Request
 - Create Interest Payment Request
 - Create Education Award Payment Request
- My Service Letter
- Contact My AmeriCorps

Segal Educational Award Payment Request

To complete your Education Award payment request, please verify that your personal information is correct, enter in the amount of money you are authorizing, choose a payment type, and select your institution. Upon completing the form, click the "submit" button to forward your request.

[Click here for help.](#)

My Information

Name: [Redacted]
Preferred Name: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]
NSPID: [Redacted]
SSN: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]
Citizenship Status: [Redacted]
Permanent Address: [Redacted]
Home Phone Number: [Redacted]
Work or Other Phone Number: [Redacted]
Mailing Address: [Redacted]
Home Phone Number: [Redacted]
Work or Other Phone Number: [Redacted]

AmeriCorps Service Date: 05/21/2018
Available Balance: \$10,954.58
* Payment Type: ⓘ
* Amount Authorized: ⓘ

Institution Information ([Search for Institutions](#)) ⓘ

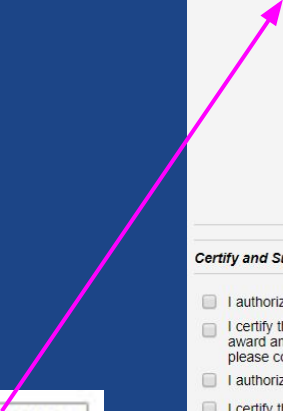
Using the Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

If your loan provider is not listed when you search for them, do not panic.

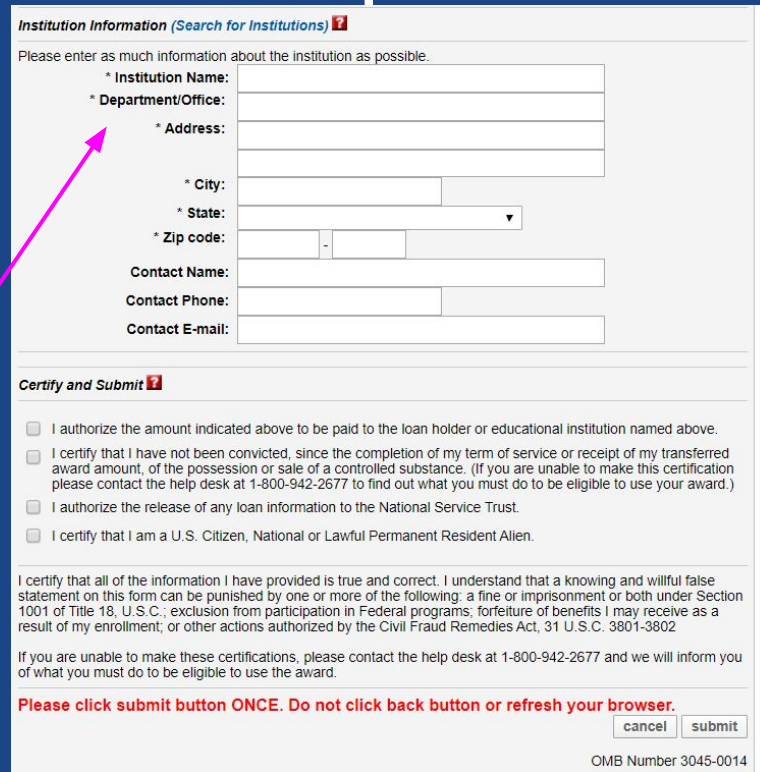
You will need to suggest them to AmeriCorps.

- > Search Institutions
- > "Not Found"

The MyAmeriCorps portal will ask for information like address, phone, etc.



search again	not found
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Institution Information (Search for Institutions) 

Please enter as much information about the institution as possible.

* **Institution Name:**

* **Department/Office:**

* **Address:**

* **City:**

* **State:**

* **Zip code:** -

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact E-mail:

Certify and Submit 

☐ I authorize the amount indicated above to be paid to the loan holder or educational institution named above.

☐ I certify that I have not been convicted, since the completion of my term of service or receipt of my transferred award amount, of the possession or sale of a controlled substance. (If you are unable to make this certification please contact the help desk at 1-800-942-2677 to find out what you must do to be eligible to use your award.)

☐ I authorize the release of any loan information to the National Service Trust.

☐ I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen, National or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien.

I certify that all of the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by one or more of the following: a fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18, U.S.C.; exclusion from participation in Federal programs; forfeiture of benefits I may receive as a result of my enrollment; or other actions authorized by the Civil Fraud Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. 3801-3802

If you are unable to make these certifications, please contact the help desk at 1-800-942-2677 and we will inform you of what you must do to be eligible to use the award.

Please click submit button ONCE. Do not click back button or refresh your browser.

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Using the Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

Important: Any amount of payment sent to your loan provider is, by default, considered future payments, unless you call them and tell them otherwise.

- **Advancing your payments (what they default to)**
 - Your loan provider will pay ahead as many of your loan payments as your education award will cover.
 - This option allows you to postpone payments for as long as possible, so that you can take a break from paying back your student loans.
 - Example: If you send \$1,500 and your loan payment is \$300, your loan provider will assume you are making 5 payments in advance.



Using the Education Award: Past Loan Expenses

There is another option instead of future payments:

- **Paying down the principal:**
 - This option allows you to apply your education award towards the principal of the loan rather than advancing the payments.
 - This will reduce your loan balance, so you pay less over the life of the loan and have a lower monthly payment amount.
 - The downside is you don't get a break from making student loan payments.

You must contact your loan provider, if you want your education award applied to the principal of the loan. Keep notes and records of who you talked to and when. Ask your loan provider to send you written confirmation of your request and follow up if necessary.



Using the Education Award: Current & Future Education Expenses

You can also use your education award to pay for current or future costs of attendance at a **Title IV school**.

- **Title IV School**: Any higher education institution that currently participates in the US Department of Education's Title IV student aid programs. Includes most post-secondary colleges, universities, and technical schools.
- **Costs of Attendance**: May include things like tuition, books, fees, room and board, transportation, or other educational expenses.

Important: Each Title IV school's financial aid office determines what *Costs of Attendance* are defined as. Therefore, it is important to be in contact with them and ask if the education award can be used to pay for those expenses.



Using the Education Award: Current & Future Education Expenses

How do I know if a school is Title IV? A few ways:

- Ask them! Ask the financial aid office if the school is a Title IV institution.
- Learn if students who attend the school are eligible to use Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, or Stafford Loans to attend the school. If students can, it is a Title IV school.
- The US Department of Education updates the list of Title IV schools 4 times a year:
 - <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/resource-type/Federal%20School%20Code%20Lists>
 - Download as PDF or Excel spreadsheet and search for your school.

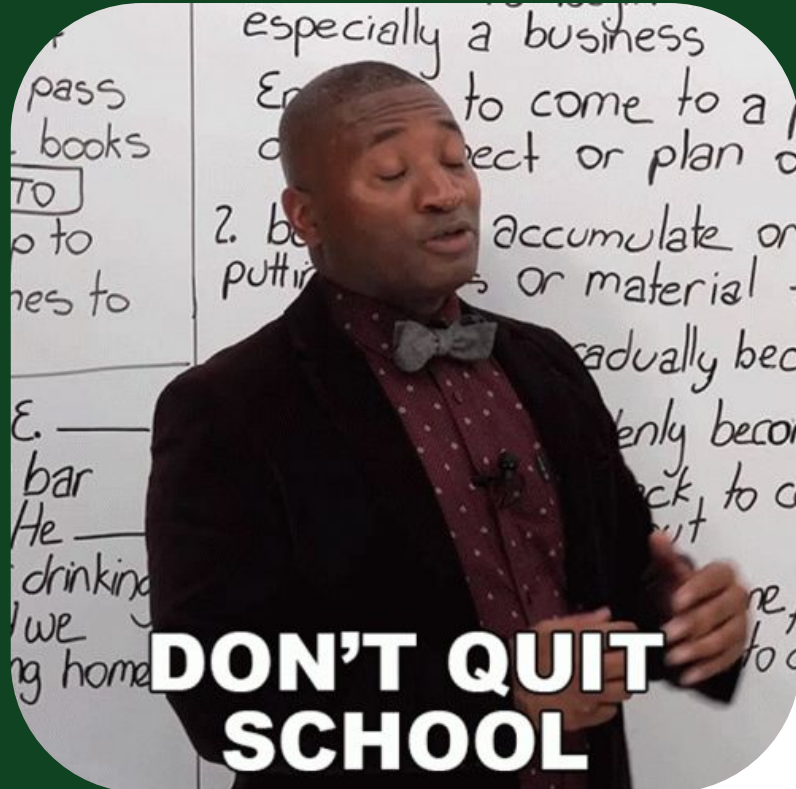
School Cod	School Name	Address	City	State Code	Zip Code
001874	LUTHER COLLEGE	700 COLLEGE DRIVE	DECORAH	IA	52101
001889	ST AMBROSE UNIVERSITY	518 WEST LOCUST STREET	DAVENPORT	IA	52803
001890	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA	1227 WEST 27TH STREET	CEDAR FALLS	IA	50614
001891	UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE	2000 UNIVERSITY AVENUE	DUBUQUE	IA	52001
001892	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	4 JESSUP HALL	IOWA CITY	IA	52242
006267	UNITYPOINT HEALTH-DES MOINES	1200 PLEASANT STREET	DES MOINES	IA	50309
004595	HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	1501 EAST ORANGE ROAD	WATERLOO	IA	50704
004589	DES MOINES AREA CMTY COLLEGE	2006 SOUTH ANKENY BOULEVARD	ANKENY	IA	50021
015616	DES MOINES UNIVERSITY	3200 GRAND AVENUE	DES MOINES	IA	50312
001860	DRAKE UNIVERSITY	2507 UNIVERSITY AVENUE	DES MOINES	IA	50311
001868	GRINNELL COLLEGE	NOLLEN HOUSE	GRINNELL	IA	50112
001869	IOWA STATE UNIV SCIENCE & TECHNOLOG	0210 BEARDSHEAR HALL	AMES	IA	50011
030691	ALLEN COLLEGE	1825 LOGAN AVE	WATERLOO	IA	50703

Using the Education Award: Current & Future Education Expenses

Also Important: If you withdraw from a school where you have used the education award, the school may be required to refund the National Service Trust.

If any refund is owed, it is credited back to your education award account in your MyAmeriCorps portal and is subject to the award's original expiration date.

Example: Staff Cautionary Tale



Using the Education Award: Current & Future Education Expenses

If you are paying for education expenses like future tuition, before sending a part of your education award to your school:

- Make sure you were **accepted** by that school.
- Make sure that school is a **Title IV institution**.
- **Call the school's financial aid office** to let them know you have the education award and want to use it.
 - Tell them **how much you are sending** and that the education award will be split into two equal payments: Half at the beginning and half in the middle of the semester.
 - Ask if the award can be used for **costs of attendance expenses** and, if so, which ones.
 - Tell them you don't want your education award to be used against you by reducing your **overall financial aid package**. Ask them how to prevent that.



Financial Aid

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

When you are ready to send all or a portion of your education award to your Title IV institution or loan provider, you will log into your [MyAmeriCorps portal](#). In the Menu on the left part of the screen, go to “**My Education Award**” and click on “**Create Education Award Payment Request**”.

My AmeriCorps

- ⊞ Applicant Home
- ⊞ My Tax Statements
- ⊞ My Education Award
 - + Create Forbearance Request
 - + Create Interest Payment Request
 - + Create Education Award Payment Request
- ⊞ My Service Letter
- ⊞ Contact My AmeriCorps

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

Then, you will choose the **"Payment Type"** from the drop-down menu. Your two choices are **"Education Expenses"** (*current and future education expenses*) or **"Loan Payment"** (*past education expenses*).

Home Phone Number:

Work or Other Phone Number:

AmeriCorps Service Date: 09/01/2015

Available Balance: \$1,691.50

* Payment Type:

▼ ?

Education Expenses

Loan Payment

* Amount Authorized: ?

Institution Information (Search for Institutions) ?

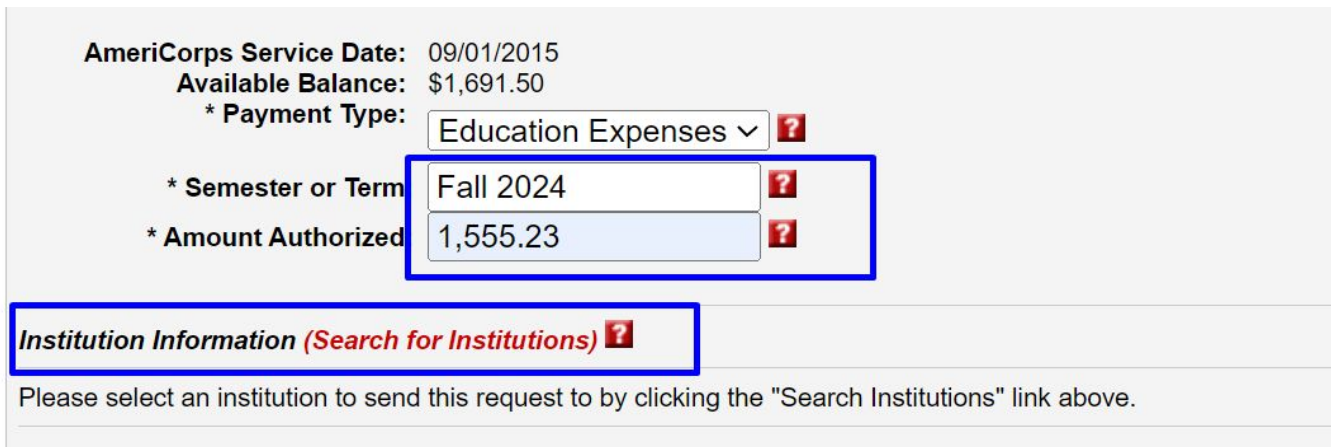
Please select an institution to send this request to by clicking the "Search Institutions" link above.

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

If you choose "Education Expenses," the screen will re-load and ask for:

1. The semester/term you wish to apply the payment to.
2. The amount you wish to be directly dispersed to your Title IV institution.

You will then need to click on the red "Search for Institutions" link to choose where to send the money.



AmeriCorps Service Date: 09/01/2015
Available Balance: \$1,691.50
* Payment Type: Education Expenses ?
* Semester or Term: Fall 2024 ?
* Amount Authorized: 1,555.23 ?

Institution Information (Search for Institutions) ?

Please select an institution to send this request to by clicking the "Search Institutions" link above.

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

Type in the name of your Title IV institution. Once it comes up, click the red text of the institution's name, and it will auto-fill into your request.

Search Institutions

To search for an institution use any or all of the fields below and click the search button. Hints:

- **When searching for a school**, try searching by state first for best results, but try more than one possibility if nothing comes up.
- **When searching for a loan holder**, enter the first letter of the name (there may be more than one version of it; for example, AES and American Educational Service). Loan holders may have multiple addresses in this system, (for example, Navient has a commercial address in Pennsylvania and a Department of Education loan address in Georgia).

[Click here for help.](#)

Name:

City:

State:

Zip:

Foreign Country:

Institution Type:

search

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

Type in the name of your Title IV institution. Once it comes up, click the red text of the institution's name, and it will auto-fill into your request.

Institution Search: Results

Below is a list matching the criteria you entered. Please select an institution from the list below by clicking on its name. If you cannot find your institution, either search again or choose "not found".

Results 1 Through 1

Your search returned 1 results.

Name ▾	Street Address	City ▾	State ▾	Zip ▾	Foreign Country	Title IV Eligible	VA Approved ▾
University of Iowa	University of Iowa	Iowa City	IA	52242		Yes	No

search again not found

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

Double check that the **semester/term** and the **total amount being sent** are all **correct**.

1. Make sure you have already spoken with someone at your Title IV institution to **make sure they know the disbursement will be coming**.
2. **Check all 4 boxes** under "Certify and Submit".
3. **Click the "Submit" button once.**

AmeriCorps Service Date: 09/01/2015
Available Balance: \$1,691.50
* Payment Type: Education Expenses ?
* Semester or Term: Fall 2024 ?
* Amount Authorized: 1,555.23 ?

Institution Information (Search for Institutions) ?

Institution Name: University of Iowa
Correspondence Address: University of Iowa
Billing Office
2700 University Capitol Centre
Iowa City IA 52242 -1315
Payment Address: Cashier's Office
Iowa City IA 52242

Certify and Submit ?

☐ I authorize the amount indicated above to be paid to the loan holder or educational institution named above.
☐ I certify that I have not been convicted, since the completion of my term of service or receipt of my transferred award amount, of the possession or sale of a controlled substance. (If you are unable to make this certification please contact the help desk at 1-800-942-2677 to find out what you must do to be eligible to use your award.)
☐ I authorize the release of any loan information to the National Service Trust.
☐ I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen, National or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien.

I certify that all of the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by one or more of the following: a fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18, U.S.C.; exclusion from participation in Federal programs; forfeiture of benefits I may receive as a result of my enrollment; or other actions authorized by the Civil Fraud Remedies Act, 31 U.S.C. 3801-3802

Payments to the VA Approved, non-Title IV institution are limited to non-veterans whose awards are based on end of service dates falling between 10/1/09 and 12/22/11 or veterans whose awards are based on end of service dates falling on or after 10/1/09.
Transferred award amounts may not be included in payments to a Veterans Affairs Approved program unless it is also a Title IV school. Go to the [Veterans Affairs Approved Programs](#) Help Screen for details.

Please click submit button ONCE. Do not click back button or refresh your browser.

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

You will be able to view the progress made on your disbursements under the **My Education Award** heading in the MyAmeriCorps portal.

My Requests

<u>Request</u>	<u>Status</u> ?	<u>Creation Date</u>	<u>Modified Date</u>
Education Award - Expense	Accepted by Institution	12/07/2022	12/15/2022
Education Award - Expense	Accepted by Institution	9/30/2022	10/04/2022
Forbearance	Accepted by Institution	9/09/2015	9/10/2015
Forbearance	Accepted by Institution	9/09/2015	9/10/2015
Interest Payment	Accepted by Institution	9/14/2016	10/05/2016
Education Award - Loan	Accepted by Institution	10/05/2016	10/07/2016
Interest Payment	Accepted by Institution	9/01/2016	9/02/2016
Interest Payment	Cancelled	9/01/2016	9/14/2016
Interest Payment	Denied by Institution	9/14/2016	10/04/2016
Education Award - Loan	Accepted by Institution	9/17/2016	9/19/2016

Creating an Education Award Payment Request

Note that AmeriCorps will **split the total disbursement amount into two equal payments**.
Pre-warn your Title IV institution about this!

Payment Information

<u>Payment ID</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Schedule Date</u>	<u>Request ID</u>	<u>Cancel Date</u>	<u>Institution Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
2838613	\$1,083.12	03/02/2023	2711124		Western State Colorado University	Gunnison, CO
2838612	\$1,083.13	01/05/2023	2711124		Western State Colorado University	Gunnison, CO
2829151	\$204.37	10/06/2022	2703303		Western State Colorado University	Gunnison, CO
2829150	\$204.38	10/06/2022	2703303		Western State Colorado University	Gunnison, CO
2063685	\$3,010.14	10/13/2016	2017353		Department of Education - MOHELA	St Louis, MO

Using the Education Award: Current & Future Education Expenses

Certain Title IV institutions of higher education award AmeriCorps alums for your service by providing certain types of benefits such as:

- Tuition matching of the education award.
- Priority admission, in-state tuition, discounted tuition (e.g., paying 50%), academic credit, certain scholarships or fellowships.

These Title IV institutions are called [Schools of National Service](#)

Schools of National Service

Search the list below for schools that offer scholarships, application fee waivers, and other benefits for AmeriCorps alums. The following states offer in-state tuition to AmeriCorps alumni: Arizona, Maryland, and [Nebraska](#). The State University System of New York, which includes 64 colleges and universities, [waives the application fee for all AmeriCorps alumni.](#)

Other Post-AmeriCorps Service Benefits: Requesting Accrued Interest Payments

In addition to your education award, another post-service benefit available to AmeriCorps members is having the **National Service Trust pay interest payments that accrued for qualified federal education loans** you placed and were accepted into **National Service Forbearance** during your service term.

For **qualified federal education loans** that you placed (*and were accepted*) into **National Service Forbearance** during your service term, the **National Service Trust will pay all or a portion of the interest you accrued on those qualified loans**. The portion is determined by your **slot type** (e.g., full-time, three-quarter-time, reduced-half-time, minimum-time, etc.). **Accrued interest payments are in addition to your education award (separate pot of funds)**.



Other Post-AmeriCorps Service Benefits: Requesting Accrued Interest Payments

In your MyAmeriCorps portal, this option only becomes **available at the end of your service**. You must have a **successful exit** from the program.

- If you leave or are exited from the program before completing all your service requirements, you are marked as an **unsuccessful exit**. In this case, the National Service Trust will not pay all or a portion of the interest that accrued on qualified loans, even if you placed those loans into National Service Forbearance.

Also important: You must make your interest accrual payment request **BEFORE** you use the entire balance of your education award, or you will forfeit your ability to request accrued interest payments.



Other Post-AmeriCorps Service Benefits: Requesting Accrued Interest Payments

1. In your MyAmeriCorps portal, under My Education Award, click on **Create Interest Payment Request**.
2. Select **Term of Service**.
3. Search for your institution
 - A. **The institution is the entity that holds your loan** in National Service Forbearance.
 - B. You must know the **EXACT name and address of your loan provider**.
4. Provide your account number in the **Comments** box.
5. Click the **Submit** button **ONCE**.

The screenshot shows the 'My AmeriCorps' portal interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Applicant Home, My Tax Statements, My Education Award (selected), My Service Letter, and Contact My AmeriCorps. Under 'My Education Award', there are links for 'Create Forbearance Request', 'Create Interest Payment Request' (highlighted in red), and 'Create Education Award Payment Request'. The main content area is titled 'Interest Payment Request' and includes a red arrow diagram showing the process flow: 'Forbearance Request' -> 'Interest Payment Request' -> 'Award Disbursement'. Below the title is a paragraph of instructions and a 'Click here for help.' link. The form itself is divided into sections: 'My Information' (with fields for Name, Preferred Name, Date of Birth, NSPID, SSN, E-mail, Citizenship Status, Permanent Address, Home Phone Number, Work or Other Phone Number, Mailing Address, and Term of Service), 'Institution Information (Search for Institutions)' (with a link to search), and a 'Comments' box. At the bottom, there is a note about specifying loan numbers and types.

My AmeriCorps

Interest Payment Request

To complete your interest payment request, please verify that your personal information is correct, select the term of service for which you are requesting your Interest Payment benefit, and select your lending institution. Upon completing the form, click the "submit" button to forward your request.

[Click here for help.](#)

My Information

Name: [Redacted]
Preferred Name: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]
NSPID: [Redacted]
SSN: [Redacted]
E-mail: [Redacted]
Citizenship Status: [Redacted]
Permanent Address: [Redacted]
Home Phone Number: [Redacted]
Work or Other Phone Number: [Redacted]
Mailing Address: [Redacted]
Home Phone Number: [Redacted]
Work or Other Phone Number: [Redacted]
* Term of service: 09/23/2019 to 08/16/2020

Institution Information (Search for Institutions)

Please select an institution to send this request to by clicking the "Search Institutions" link above.

Comments: [Redacted]

If you have more than one loan with the institution you specified you may specify a particular loan number and loan type.

Tax Implications

Both your education award and any accrued interest payments made on your behalf by the National Service Trust **are considered taxable income** for both federal and many state tax returns in the year the payments were made.

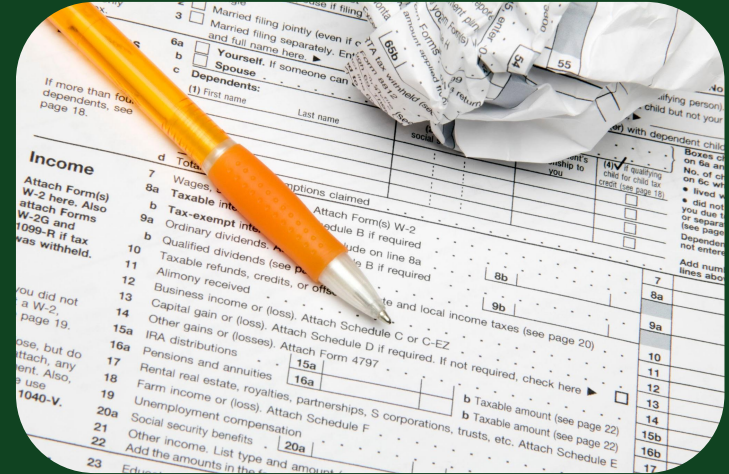
- Exception: Iowa and many other states do not currently consider your education award or accrued interest payments made on your behalf taxable income on your **state tax return**.
- Please check with your state's department of revenue and ask.



Tax Implications: Important Things to Keep in Mind

If the total sum of education award and interest payments is **at least \$600** for the tax year, you will receive a 1099-MISC income form from AmeriCorps at the address in your MyAmeriCorps portal (keep this updated!). The **1099-MISC form** will also be available in the MyAmeriCorps portal.

Note: According to the IRS, even if the sum of your education award and interest payments is less than \$600 and you don't have a 1099-MISC form sent to you, you are still obligated to report any amount as income of your taxes.



UNI/GIA is not an official tax preparer and the information contained in this presentation is not to be considered official tax advice. Please consult with an official tax preparer to ensure you are filling out your taxes correctly.

Tax Implications: Adjusting Iowa State Tax Return

1. Step 5, Gross Income: Your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award payment was included in your federal taxable income, so it will be included in your Iowa taxable income in Step 5.
2. Step 6, Adjustments to Income: You must enter the amount of your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award payments (including interest) on LINE 24 "Other Adjustments." This will result in these payments being deducted from your taxable income.
3. Complete the remainder of the tax form as instructed.

Step 6 Adjust- ments to Income		16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
16. Payments to an IRA, Keogh, or SEP		16.	.00									
17. Deductible part of self-employment tax.		17.	.00									
18. Health insurance deduction		18.	.00									
19. Penalty on early withdrawal of savings		19.	.00									
20. Alimony paid		20.	.00									
21. Pension/retirement income exclusion		21.	.00	▲								
22. Moving expense deduction from federal form 3903		22.	.00									
23. Iowa capital gain deduction, certain sales only. Include IA 100		23.	.00	▲								
24. Other adjustments		24.	.00									
25. Total adjustments. Add lines 16-24		25.										
26. Net Income. Subtract line 25 from line 15		26.										

Tax Implications: Adjusting Iowa State Tax Return

Form IA 1040 Line 24	Iowa Other Adjustments Statement Attach to return	2022 Statement <u>ADJ</u>
r	Income health care	
s	Iowa Veterans Trust Fund	
t	Military exemptions, not already excluded (see detailed IA 1040 instructions online)	
u	Net operating loss, Iowa	
v	Organ transplant expenses	
w	Partnership income and/or S corporation income: Modifications that decreased the income	
x	Segal Americorps Education Award Payments	
y	Speculative shell buildings	
z	Student loan interest deduction from federal 1040, Schedule 1, line 21	
aa	Victim compensation awards	
bb	Wages paid certain individuals	
cc	Work Opportunity Credit from federal return	
dd	Other federal adjustments prior to calculation of federal 1040	

Tax Implications: Adjusting Iowa State Tax Return

Other Adjustments

If you have any other adjustments to Iowa income, choose a description and enter an amount for each adjustment. ?

#1 Other Adjustment

Adjustment:

Amount:

#2 Other Adjustment

Adjustment:

Amount:

#3 Other Adjustment

✓

Accrual Method

Claim of Right Deduction

Injured Veterans Program, Contributions to

Injured Veterans Program, Grants from

In-Home Health Care

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund

Military Exemptions

Organ Transplant Expenses

Biodiesel Production Refund

Segal Americorps Education Award Payments

Victim Compensation Awards

Wages Paid to Certain Individuals

Nonres. Electric Utility Worker Training and Emergency

Rapid Response to State Disasters

Communications Service Provider Grant

Student Loan Repayments by Employers

Using your Education Award in Alternative Ways...

Travel

Some outdoor recreation programs have partnerships through universities allowing AmeriCorps alums to use their education award for traveling in country or abroad.

Study-Abroad Programs

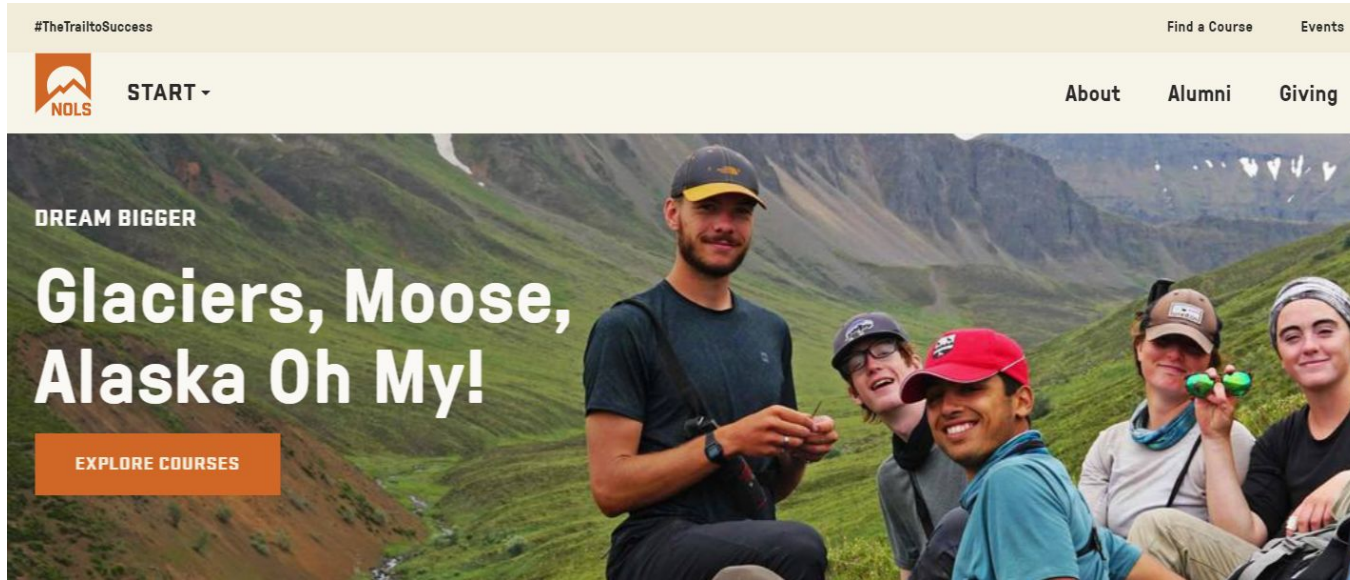
Alums have been able to enroll in study-abroad **programs through universities and pay for their programs through the school.**

Specialized Programs

If you have ever wanted to learn a new specialized skill, your education award can help pay for the classes towards your new hobby, such as **photography, EMT training, and even SCUBA certification.** **With all of these options, please check with your education institution or student loan companies to see if they will accept the education award as a form of payment.**

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program

Traveling: National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)



[NOLS AmeriCorps Info. Page](#)

Traveling: Outward Bound

[Outward Bound AmeriCorps
Info. Page](#)

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WHO IS OUTWARD BOUND?

Outward Bound USA is the leading provider of outdoor education programs that allow young people to explore their personal potential, since 1962. From expeditions in some of the most remote locations in the U.S. to programs in local schools and neighborhoods, young people nationwide are cultivating a passion for learning, and discovering greater success in school, work and life.

FIND AN EXPEDITION NEAR YOU

 Student Age ▾

 Destination ▾

 TO

FIND ▶

Traveling: Outward Bound



Study-Abroad: International Partnership for Service-Learning (IPSL)

IPSL is an educational organization that links academic study with volunteer service. IPSL provides opportunities for AmeriCorps alums interested in service abroad, international education and development, and service learning. Through IPSL programs, AmeriCorps alums can connect to unique learning experiences and apply and further develop their service-learning and leadership skills in an international setting.

AmeriCorps Alumni Benefits:

- Priority admission
- Accepts education award
- Matching \$5,500 scholarship (grad program only)
- Fee waived

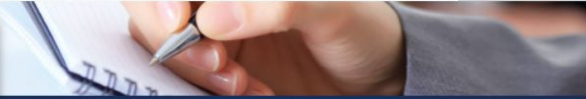
<https://westminsteru.edu/academics/global-learning/ipsl-global-engagement/ipsl-global-engagement-guide.html>

Specialized Programs: Non-Credit Courses

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Healthcare	Manufacturing & Industrial Technology	Personal Enrichment & Leisure
Professional Licensure/Relicensure	Transportation Institute & Motorcycle/Moped	Online Courses

Specialized Programs: Trade School

These are examples of Trade schools where other AC Alums have used their education awards. There are many more options and schools. You just need to look!

Automotive - Northwood Technical College / Rice Lake, WI - www.northwoodtech.edu

Cosmetology - Minnesota School of Beauty / Lakeville, MN -
<https://www.mnschoolofbeauty.com/>

Culinary Arts - The Culinary Institute of America / Hyde Park, NY - www.ciachef.edu

Electrical - Community College of Denver / Denver, CO - www.ccd.edu

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Central Lakes College / Brainerd, MN - www.clcmn.edu

Massage Therapy - European Massage Therapy School / Las Vegas, NV -
<https://www.school-for-massage.com/financial-aid/>

Truck Driving (CDL) - Alexandria Technical College / Alexandria, MN - www.alextech.edu

Welding - Cincinnati State Technical and Community College / Cincinnati, OH -
www.cincinnatiastate.edu

Yoga instructor - College of Lake County / Grayslake, IL
<https://www.clcillinois.edu/programs/comdv/dance/yoga-teacher-certificate-career-certificate>



*All of these schools and programs
operate through Title IV institutions.*

Even More Alternative Ways

- **Non-profit Management Certificates**
 - Ex: University of Northern Iowa - Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management.
- **Aerie Backcountry Medicine** (Wilderness First Aid, First Responder, etc.) Through University of Montana
- **Colorado Fire Camp**
- **DMACC Continuing education Courses**
- **Earthship Academy**
 - Earthship Academy partners with Western Colorado University's two-year Master in Environmental Management graduate degree.
- **NOLS & Outward Bound Outdoor Leadership Expeditions & Wilderness First Aid / Medicine Courses**
 - Through Western Colorado University
- *Blog: Alternative ways to use your ed award*
- *City Year Blog: Using your ed award to travel*

***Remember: You have earned this education award through your service!
Make sure you use it before you lose it!***

STOP! Let's do an example!

Daniel would like to go to Iowa State (not currently a School of National Service...)

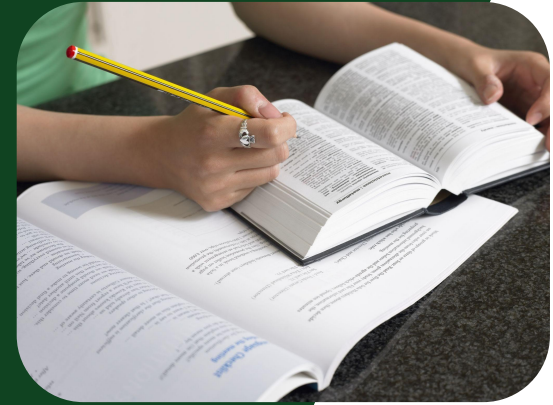
1. Daniel looks at the list of matching institutions to see if Iowa State will **match his education award**. (It won't...)
2. Daniel **schedules an appointment with his financial aid officer** and explains the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.
 - a. The award will come in 2 payments (at the beginning and in the middle of the semester. Just like many scholarships.)
 - b. He double checks that Iowa State is a **Title IV school**.
3. Daniel goes to his **MyAmeriCorps portal**.
4. He submits an **educational payment request**.
5. He waits for the school to accept that payment.



STOP! Let's do an example!

Jane wants to buy **textbooks** with her education award.

1. Jane **schedules an appointment with her financial aid officer** and explains the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award.
 - a. She must ask, "**Can I use my education award to pay for costs of attendance items like textbooks or a laptop?**"
 - b. If they say yes, they may require Jane to purchase those textbooks or laptop at the school's bookstore.
This is completely up to the school and their policies.
2. Jane goes to her **MyAmeriCorps portal**.
3. She submits an **educational payment request**.
4. She waits for the school to accept the payment.



STOP! Let's do an example!

Common mistakes of education award payments:

- Not a Title IV institution
- School rejects the payment, because they do not recognize the funds (*Member was not in communication with the financial aid office...*)
- Sent the whole award even though only a small amount was required.
- Forgets to speak with the financial aid office to see if Costs of Attendance covers non-tuition costs.



STOP! Let's do an example!

Shae would like to pay off student loans.

1. Shae makes sure the loans are qualified federal student loans.
2. They locate the name and address of their loan provider, not the school they attended using the loan money.
3. Shae goes to their MyAmeriCorps portal and directs money towards the entity that holds their loans.
4. Shae checks every week or so to make sure the loan payment has gone through.
5. If there is an issue, Shae may need to call their loan provider to address the issue.



STOP! Let's do an example!

Common mistakes:

- Loan does not qualify for repayment (not a qualified federal student loan)
- Payment was sent to the wrong address or loan provider.
- Loan provider was confused and rejected the payment.



Transferring Your Education Award

Applicable to those who are 55+ at the time of signing their AmeriCorps service agreement.

- Can only be transferred to a child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, or foster child.
- The selected beneficiary has 10 years to use the award from the date when the transferring individual completed their service term.
- The transferred education award counts towards the beneficiary's lifetime limit of 2 full-time education award equivalents.
- Members can initiate a transfer request through their MyAmeriCorps portal.
- Transferring your award is the most complicated option.



Additional Resources

[Schools of National Service](#)

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SEGAL EDUCATION AWARD

About the Award

After successfully completing an AmeriCorps term of service members are eligible to receive the **Segal AmeriCorps Education Award**. This award can be used to pay for educational expenses at eligible schools and at certain GI Bill-approved educational programs for veterans. The award can also be used to repay qualified student loans and alternative educational opportunities.

How to use your Education Award

Your Education Award is available to view and manage through the My AmeriCorps Portal at my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do

If you are a current or former AmeriCorps Member you would have created an account when you applied to the program. The AmeriCorps Portal is designed to assist AmeriCorps members when applying to programs, during their terms of service, and after they complete their terms.

After your term has ended and all exit paperwork has been completed, Green Iowa AmeriCorps program staff will exit you from the program. It can take up to one month for all exit paperwork to clear through the system. Once that is completed you will be able to view your award on the AmeriCorps Portal under *"My Education Award"* in the menu options. From there you can *"Create an Education Award Payment Request"* to submit a payment request.

Your Education Award is managed by AmeriCorps the federal agency, not by Green Iowa AmeriCorps. For question about your Education Award or the My AmeriCorps online system, you can call the AmeriCorps hotline at [1-800-942-2677](tel:1-800-942-2677).

During your service Green Iowa AmeriCorps will provide you with a "Life After AmeriCorps" training which will include more detailed information about the education award and how to use it. Click the button below to view a PowerPoint presentation about the Award.

[2025 Life After AmeriCorps Presentation](#)

Q&A

