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**Students *in* Service**  
A CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS PROGRAM



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## *Students in Service – Learn, Serve, Earn and Change the World*

*“I think when a student is committed to serve hundreds of hours, that desire does not go away when the program ends for them. I have seen several students do more than one term and continue their service through non-profits after the program is completed.”*

*–Kathryn Wood, Associate Director  
of Community Service Learning,  
University of Redlands*

### ***What is Students in Service?***

Students in Service is a part-time AmeriCorps program that encourages and supports college and university students to make a difference in their communities and gain valuable civic and workforce skills while earning an education award.

Students who join Students in Service become part of the AmeriCorps national service network that improves lives and strengthens communities throughout the United States.

### ***What is an Education Award?***

Upon successfully completing a term of service, students are eligible to receive an education award, which can be applied toward outstanding federal student loans or the cost of attending a college or university.

- A 300-hour term of service completed within one calendar year earns a \$1,000 education award.
- A 450-hour term of service completed within one calendar year earns a \$1,250 education award.
- A 900-hour term of service completed within two calendar years earns a \$2,362 education award.

Through Students in Service, California Campus Compact each year makes available approximately \$570,000 in education awards for students at participating colleges and universities throughout California.

### ***What Activities Qualify for the Students in Service Program?***

Throughout the Students in Service program in California, students are engaged in providing direct service to the community – and recruiting thousands of their peers to join them in volunteering. Many participating students volunteer at local schools and community centers, providing tutoring, after-school programming, college campus visits, health fairs and art and music opportunities while other students, supported by faculty and campus advisors, develop their own programs that provide a service and educational opportunity to their communities.

### ***Qualifying activities include:***

- Non-paid academic internships with a service focus
- Practicum hours in nursing, counseling, social work and other disciplines
- Student-teaching hours at a Title 1 institution and/or in Special Education, ESL/Bilingual Education or Math and Science Education
- Academic and co-curricular service learning



At the University of California, Berkeley, Students in Service members are working with the people of New Orleans to support rebuilding efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. After completing their terms of service last year, all of the participating students committed to new service opportunities, including working to organize a semester-long internship program in New Orleans.

At California State University, Fullerton, Students in Service members play a crucial role in recruiting other students to volunteer in community projects. With their help, the campus's Volunteer and Service Center was able to increase in one year the number of student volunteers by 68 percent and the number of hours served by those volunteers by 48 percent.

At Humboldt State University, through its Youth Educational Services programs, Students in Service members serve youth who qualify for free or reduced cost meal programs at their local schools. Members also serve with the Youth Educational Services' Homeless Education Program, which works with at-risk youth who do not have permanent housing.

At the University of San Diego, Students in Service members volunteered in response to the fall 2007 wildfires, providing outreach, information sessions and direct service to help individuals in the affected areas recover from the disaster. Now, many of those students are leading a peer group focusing on disaster preparedness and response with the goal of achieving an even more coordinated and prepared response to future disasters on a local, national and international level.

At California State University, Long Beach, Students in Service members volunteer in the Domestic Violence Court Resources Referral Program and are encouraged to learn in-depth skills in the domestic violence field that will be useful in the workforce, including communication, customer service and how to interact with individuals with varying backgrounds and life experiences – from high-level prosecutors and judges to the vulnerable victims of domestic violence.

- Any community service in the areas of education, the environment, human services, public safety and community development
- Federal- or state-funded community service work-study positions with a service focus (these are the only paid positions that are eligible for Students in Service)
- Most volunteer work, including mentoring, tutoring, stream restoration, volunteer recruitment, etc.
- Any service done for a non-profit organization or government agency that has a mission to serve its community

### ***Bring Students in Service to Your Campus***

For many participating colleges and universities, the Students in Service program is one of the initial methods used to inspire and encourage students to get involved and make a lifelong commitment to service – and also one of the key methods of instilling a culture of service on their campuses.

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(To be eligible for the Students in Service program, California colleges and universities must be current members in good standing of California Campus Compact.)

### ***About California Campus Compact***

*Since its founding in 1988, California Campus Compact has worked to build the collective commitment and capacity of colleges, universities and communities throughout California to advance civic and community engagement for a healthy, just and democratic society. Through innovative programs and initiatives, grant funding, training and technical assistance, professional development and powerful research studies and publications, California Campus Compact each year invests in and champions more than 500,000 students, faculty members, administrators and community members involved in diverse and ground-breaking activities that support and expand civic and community engagement throughout California. For more information, please visit [www.cacampuscompact.org](http://www.cacampuscompact.org).*



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