



California | Campus Compact

Students *in* Service
A CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS PROGRAM



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 \$1,132 education award.
- A 450-hour term of service completed within one calendar year earns a \$1,415 education award.
- A 900-hour term of service completed within two calendar years earns a \$2,675 education award.

Through Students in Service, California Campus Compact each year makes available approximately \$600,000 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



“Volunteering as a Student in Service member has completely changed my life and how I see the world. Every project I take on, I learn something new about myself and about the community.”

–Nicole Muth

Senior, double-majoring in

Psychology and Women’s Studies

California State University, Fullerton

- 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.

For more information, please contact:
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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.

