

General Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Am I eligible to apply?

Californians between the ages of 16 to 30 living in partner cities and counties are eligible to apply for #CaliforniansForAll Youth Jobs Corps. Priority is given to applicants who are in or transitioning from foster care, are or were justice-involved, are engaged with the mental health or substance abuse systems, are low-income, may have difficulty finding employment, are unemployed and/or out of school, and have not participated in an AmeriCorps program.

2. How do I apply?

Visit one of our partner websites (above) under "Participating Partners" to apply directly with your city or county. If your city or county name does not contain a link, check back soon as the programs accept applications at different times throughout the state.

3. My city/county is not listed as a partner for Youth Jobs Corps, can I still participate in the program?

We are so glad you are interested in finding an opportunity to serve your community! If your city or county is not listed as a partner for Youth Jobs Corps, check out other California Volunteers paid service programs like AmeriCorps California, California Climate Action Corps, and College Corps.

4. What do Youth Jobs Corps members do and what services do they receive?

Each participating city and county has a unique local program, but most programs are focused on climate change, food insecurity, learning loss, and COVID-19 recovery. Members work at least 50% full time equivalent and earn at least \$15.50 per hour. Many programs offer longer hours and up to \$30 per hour. Programs also offer free services like childcare, transportation stipends, job training, resume preparation, and more. If you're passionate about making a difference in your community while preparing for the future, apply today.

5. Is Youth Jobs Corps an AmeriCorps program?

Youth Jobs Corps is not an AmeriCorps program. Youth Jobs Corps is a unique leadership and youth workforce development program in California focused on developing meaningful career pathways for California's vulnerable youth.



6. How were partner cities selected for Youth Jobs Corps?

Youth Jobs Corps partners with cities, counties, and municipal organizations to create high-impact youth workforce development opportunities. California Volunteers, Office of the Governor awards grants directly to municipal organizations. \$150 million was available to California's 13 largest cities with funding determined by their population size, and \$35 million was available for counties and smaller cities to competitively apply for.

CITIES/COUNTIES/COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

7. I work for a city/county, how can local government get involved with Youth Jobs Corps?

Youth Jobs Corps partners with local government to employ youth across the state. Participating cities and counties were selected through population funding allocations or applied competitively for funding. Currently, there are no new funding opportunities.

8. How can my organization get involved in this program and receive Youth Jobs Corps members?

In partnership with local government agencies, Youth Jobs Corps members are placed in local government positions or in positions at partner community-based organizations. To become a Youth Jobs Corps partner, please contact your participating city or county directly.

CURRENT GRANTEESS

9. I am a current grantee, how can I make budget amendments to our contract?

Please see our budget amendment FAQ here.