



Minnesota Service Opportunities



Admission Possible

Service area: Minneapolis/St. Paul

Website: www.admissionpossible.org

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Admission Possible is dedicated to making college admission possible for promising low-income students by providing ACT and SAT test preparation services and admissions and financial aid consulting. Members lead teams of students in public high schools in preparing for college admission.

City of Lakes AmeriCorps

Service area: Minneapolis

Website: <http://commed.mpls.k12.mn.us/AmeriCorps.html>

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The mission of the City of Lakes AmeriCorps program is to help ensure all children succeed both socially and academically regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, native language, gender, poverty level, disability, or any other status. Our goals are to help youth improve academic success, develop leadership skills, and increase assets. City of Lakes members are placed in the Minneapolis Public Schools to provide tutoring, mentoring, service-learning, and after school activities to K-12 students.

Community Technology Empowerment Project

Service area: Minneapolis/St. Paul

Website: www.technologypower.org

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The Community Technology Empowerment Project mobilizes AmeriCorps members to bridge the digital divide, targeting the unique technology access and resource access needs of new immigrants. Members serve to develop culturally-appropriate outreach and training materials including computer education, public service announcements, and Web site development.

LEAP/AmeriCorps Initiative

Service area: Southern Minnesota

Website: www.smifoundation.org

Contact: Barbara Gunderson, Program Director at barbarag@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215 x134

LEAP (Learning Early Achieves Potential)/AmeriCorps Initiative will build social/emotional school readiness skills of preschool children and support parents in learning dialogic reading techniques to build bonds within home routines for school readiness skills. Members will also engage community youth in service learning early childhood development and education so they realize how their strengths can contribute to building and sustaining the early childhood movement in southern Minnesota and how they can serve community by acting as positive role models and support for families with children, 0-5.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth

Service Area: Multiple locations statewide: Fergus Falls, Duluth, Twin Cities Metro Area, Rochester, and Worthington

Website: www.mnyouth.net

Contact: Melissa Burwell, Program Director at mburwell@mnyouth.net or 612-616-2574

The Minnesota Alliance with Youth hosts 60 Promise Fellows in schools and community organizations across the state. The Fellows' year of service focuses on the issue of educational equity. Members serve in communities to mobilize youth and adults to volunteer in mentoring, tutoring, leadership, and civic engagement programs. Through delivering the Five Promises of America's Promise, Fellows partner with communities to build enduring systems that promote civic engagement and academic success for all of Minnesota's children.

Minnesota Conservation Corps

Service area: Statewide from a basecamp near Hinckley, Twin Cities Metro Area

Website: www.conservationcorps.org

Contact: Eric Antonson, Youth Programs Manager at eric.antonson@conservationcorps.org or 651-209-9900 x11

MCC Youth Programs engage AmeriCorps members as leaders for youth from diverse backgrounds as they complete community-service projects. The programs focus on youth development and job training, with environmental conservation as a learning vehicle. The combination of service projects and experiential education helps youth build practical skills, connect to the natural environment, and become active, empowered citizens in their local communities. In the residential Summer Youth Program, AmeriCorps members guide 85 youth through a summer of environmental service projects in rural areas. In the Youth Outdoors program, AmeriCorps members guide 50 youth through environmental service projects in the Twin Cities metro area during afterschool hours and weekends.

Minnesota GreenCorps

Service Area: Multiple locations statewide

Website: www.nextstep.state.mn.us/greencorps

Contact: MN GreenCorps Program Coordinator at greencorps@pca.state.mn.us or 651-296-6300

The Minnesota GreenCorps is a new AmeriCorps program starting in September 2009 that will provide its members with opportunities to contribute to improve Minnesota's environment, while gaining experience and learning valuable skills. In the first year, Minnesota GreenCorps members will work on projects in the areas of Local Government Energy Conservation, School Waste Prevention, Living Green Outreach, Local Food Systems, and Urban Forestry. Members are placed at local governments and nonprofit organizations statewide.

Minnesota Math Corps

Service area: Saint Cloud Area

Website: www.stcloudstate.edu/ameriCorps

Contact: Jennifer Heyne, Program Director at jsheyne@stcloudstate.edu or 320-308-3050

The Minnesota Math Corps is a program in partnership with the St. Cloud Area School District. Math Corps members are trained to tutor selected 4th-8th grade students who need assistance with math.

Minnesota Reading Corps

Service area: Multiple locations statewide including, but not limited to: Brainerd, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud, Winona, and Twin Cities Metro Area

Web site: www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org

Contact: Anna Peters, MRC Recruitment & Outreach Coordinator at apeters@theMLC.org or toll-free 866.859.2825

Minnesota Reading Corps members serve to increase the literacy skills of at-risk children age 3 to grade 3 by providing qualified, well-trained AmeriCorps members and community volunteers to tutor children identified below target level who need extra help to improve their literacy skills. Members serve in Head Start agencies, community-based preschools, and elementary schools.

Multicultural Communities in Action

Service area: Minneapolis/St. Paul

Website: www.commonbond.org/ameriCorps

Contact: Candace Johnson, Program Coordinator at MCA@commonbond.org or 651-999-7526

Multicultural Communities in Action members provide youth aged pre-k through twelfth grade with educational support through service activities such as in class tutoring, homework help, literacy programs, and enrichment activities in public schools, alternative schools and non-profit programs. Members also recruit other volunteer tutors.

Partners in Service to America

Service area: Red Lake Reservation

Website: <http://www.rlnn.com/main/AmeriCorpNewAboutCorp.html>

Contact: Roxanne May, Program Director at roxymay03@yahoo.com or 218-679-2667

Partners in Service to America focuses on improving K-12 student academic achievement through tutoring, after-school programs and cultural activities. Members also mobilize community volunteers to meet community needs.

True North AmeriCorps Program

Service area: Northeastern Minnesota

Website: www.truenorthamericorps.org

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True North AmeriCorps members enhance the future success of at-risk children by increasing the number of positive adults in their lives within tutoring, mentoring and after-school programs. Members are placed in both community-based and school-based organizations throughout Northeastern Minnesota.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and PPL

Service area: Minneapolis/St. Paul

Website: www.tchabitat.org/ameriCorps or www.ppl-inc.org

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In a unique partnership between Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity and Project for Pride in Living (PPL), members build, rehab, and repair homes in partnership with community volunteers and low-income families in the Twin Cities. AmeriCorps members also coordinate after-school youth programs and engage in community organizing.

For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.org

For more information about service opportunities in Minnesota, visit www.serveminnesota.org or Ph/TTY: 612-333-7740

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