

How to Apply

Completed applications should be submitted directly to Program Directors. Program Directors choose up to two Members who are capable of fulfilling the expectations described in this brochure to represent their programs. Applications are due by the close of business on October 1, 2007 to the Commission.

LeaderCorps Members will hold their first conference call in early October. If a program does not submit an application for their LeaderCorps Member by the deadline, that Member will not be eligible to be a LeaderCorps Officer, or to attend the Fall LeaderCorps Conference.

Please submit only the applications of Members selected to be a part of the LeaderCorps program to the Commission. Applications should be mailed or faxed to:

Scott Niermann, Volunteer Programs Manager
Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Illinois Department of Human Services
535 West Jefferson Street, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62702
Phone: (217) 782-0490
Fax: (217) 557-0515

Electronic copies of applications are also available and can be emailed directly to:

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Illinois LeaderCorps



Illinois LeaderCorps is a Member-organized Council that connects AmeriCorps programs and acts as a liaison between Members and the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Mission

The mission of LeaderCorps is to connect AmeriCorps programs in Illinois through state, national and global days of service and promote continued AmeriCorps alumni involvement.

Vision

The vision of LeaderCorps is to foster effective cross program communication and collaboration among AmeriCorps programs in Illinois.

History

LeaderCorps began with a brainstorming session at the 2005 Leaders Conference. At the conclusion of the conference, attendees were asked to generate ideas to help sustain the connections and collaboration forged at the conference. The idea was put forth to form a Member Council that would keep members from across the state in contact throughout their term of service. During the 2005-2006 program year, Members worked together to get the organization off the ground. At the 2006 Leaders Conference, Illinois LeaderCorps was officially born, and in the summer of 2006 a formal application process was developed.

Membership

- Any member from an AmeriCorps*State program serving in Illinois is eligible to be part of Illinois LeaderCorps*
- Members apply to Illinois LeaderCorps through their individual programs
- Completed applications are submitted to Program Directors
- Program Directors select up to two members from their programs to be a part of Illinois LeaderCorps
- Members serve in Illinois LeaderCorps from just prior to Illinois AmeriCorps Opening Day until the end of their program year

*A limited number of Members from *National and *VISTA programs operating in Illinois will also be selected by the ICVCS.*

Expectations

- Complete Illinois LeaderCorps Application
- Attend two LeaderCorps trainings (Fall and Spring)
- Participate in monthly conference calls
- Dialogue and plan with other AmeriCorps and volunteer programs
- Seek out current and former AmeriCorps Members who would be interested in staying connected to AmeriCorps as Alumni
- Connect with AmeriCorps Alumni to inform them of service activities and other opportunities
- Participate in National AmeriCorps Week and other Days of Service
- Based on LeaderCorps trainings, Members will assist at trainings for their own programs