



FocusFirst Impact America AmeriCorps Member - North Carolina

Organizational Description:

Many young adults graduate college with a drive to change their world and learn the best ways to support under-resourced communities. Impact America provides an opportunity for recent graduates to engage with their communities in a meaningful way, broadening their perspectives and making a real impact. As an AmeriCorps member with Impact America, you would spend a year of service after graduation at a nationally recognized organization working to mitigate the effects of poverty, while also gaining professional experience and a broadened perspective.

Position Description:

AmeriCorps Members serving with Impact America engage with communities through Impact's FocusFirst initiative. **FocusFirst** ensures that children in urban and rural communities receive comprehensive vision care during their crucial formative years. For 2022-23, Impact America is partnering with Prevent Blindness - North Carolina to expand the FocusFirst program in targeted North Carolina communities.

Position Responsibilities:

- Conduct vision screenings at Head Start and daycare centers at targeted counties in North Carolina
- Schedules vision screenings
 - Makes phone calls to childcare centers and keeps track of all screening details
 - Keeps track of scheduling requirements
- Conducts outreach to childcare centers within their office's service footprint through phone calls, meetings, visits, etc.
- Prepares and mails screening packets to child care centers in advance of the screening
- Prepares screening assignment forms in advance of the screening
- Compiles program data to ensure all children who fail the screening are referred to our partner for follow-up care
- Maintains inventory of vision screening equipment and supplies in the local office and communicates with national office regarding any equipment issues
- Provides consistent communication with local community partners
- Participates in local health advisory boards and other opportunities to build and strengthen the program's community presence
- Supports various aspects of volunteer management as needed, including recruitment, building long term relationships, volunteer communication, training, scheduling, and recognition.

Positions are currently available in Raleigh, NC.

Service Term: July 2022- July 2023

Skills Required:

Successful candidates will exhibit a commitment to improving the lives of economically disadvantaged families, a record of community service and/or civic engagement, leadership skills, the ability to work well with a diverse group of individuals (e.g., college students, children, community partners), flexibility in a fast-paced environment, and a positive attitude.

Additional Information:

Impact America is an AmeriCorps Program®. Benefits include the following:

- \$1,900 monthly living stipend
- \$6,495.00 education award (received upon completion of term of service)
- Health insurance
- Meals when providing service outside of your home county
- Mileage reimbursement when driving your personal car for service
- All travel costs during overnight trips (hotel, rental car, meals)
- Ongoing professional development and training

Health Insurance

A health benefits policy is administered by The Corps Network/CIGNA and would be available to you upon request. If you currently have other coverage (through a spouse, parent, or individual plan), you must sign a waiver of health insurance coverage which indicates that you have been made aware of the availability of health benefits and have chosen not to enroll.

Childcare Allowance

The allowance will be provided directly to a child care provider determined by AmeriCorps, if you qualify for the allowance. The child care allowance will distribute this allowance evenly over the term of service on a bi-weekly basis.

Education Award

For successful completion of a full-time 1,700 hour term, you would receive an education award in the amount of \$6,495.00. As an AmeriCorps member, failure to disclose to the Program any history of having been released for cause from another AmeriCorps Program would render you ineligible to receive the education award. **As an AmeriCorps member, you are entitled to two (2) full time education awards in the course of their life, even if you serve for more than two terms of service.**

Student Loan Forbearance

If you have received forbearance on a qualified student loan during your term of service, the National Service Trust will repay a portion or all of the interest that accrued on the loan during your term of service. Note: The term of service may differ from your time commitment with the program.

Travel

As an AmeriCorps member serving with Impact America, you should expect frequent travel across your state, including overnight travel. You should expect approximately 50-75% of your time will be spent traveling to provide service.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Documentation of status as a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien (AmeriCorps eligibility requirement)
- Completion of a college degree (exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis with prior approval)
- Submit to criminal background check, including an FBI check, NSOPW check, a statewide check in the applicant's state of residence at the time of application, a statewide check in applicant's state of service (if different than state of residence)
- At least 18 years of age

Impact America welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. We have sought to identify the essential functions and physical requirements of all service positions and will make reasonable accommodations through scheduling, task reassignment, and other methods to accommodate applicants and AmeriCorps members. Please contact us should you need accommodations in order to apply.

About Impact America

Impact America engages recent graduates and college students to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities we serve.