



AmeriCorps Program Management Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: Under the Serve America Act when will the increased Education Award go into effect?

A: The increased education award will only be available for those positions funded with 2010 appropriation funds.

Q: Can a member serve more hours than the maximum allotted for fundraising and member development?

A: The member may exceed the cap on member development hours but not for fundraising. See details below.

Fundraising Hours: An AmeriCorps member may spend no more than ten percent of his or her originally agreed-upon term of service, as reflected in the member enrollment in the National Service Trust, performing fundraising activities, as described in §2520.40.

Member Development: No more than 20 percent of the aggregate of all AmeriCorps member service hours in your program, as reflected in the member enrollments in the National Service Trust, may be spent in education and training activities.

Q: Do AmeriCorps programs need to register any new hires (including program staff and AmeriCorps members) with the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division?

A: Yes, however, only those members that receive a living allowance. The Federal share of a member's living allowance is not subject to garnishment. The state/private portion of the living allowance is subject to garnishment in Montana for child support. Under Montana law even though members receive a living allowance and not a wage the law does not require it to be considered a wage. Also, see CNCS FAQ C. 18.