

The Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS) promotes and expands national service and community volunteerism in Montana.

OCS administers federal funding to AmeriCorps State programs in Montana, provides support to organizations, and encourages citizens of all ages and backgrounds to engage in service

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



## AmeriCorps Service Programs



**AmeriCorps  
Montana**

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), an independent federal agency whose mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps consists of three programs: AmeriCorps State & National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).

The Governor's Office of Community Service oversees eight AmeriCorps State programs in Montana that combined, mobilize over 500 members into service each year: Big Sky Watershed Corps, Community in Action Corps, Justice for Montanans Project, Montana Campus Compact, Montana Conservation Corps, and Montana State Parks AmeriCorps.

<https://serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/>

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## Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

Statewide, 83 high school students each receive a \$1,200 Youth Serve Montana scholarship every year. The Youth Serve Montana scholarship promotes volunteerism, encourages young leaders to further their education, and provides tuition assistance to Montana students attending college in-state.



**Date: Applications open in the fall/winter. Scholarships are awarded in the spring.**

<https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMontana/youth-serve-montana-scholarships>

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symposium

The ServeMontana Symposium is our signature, annual event. Each spring, the Symposium convenes hundreds of AmeriCorps and VISTA members serving in Montana to further opportunities for service, learning, and collaboration. Each year, a unique theme is chosen with corresponding sessions, speakers, and panels, along with a city-wide service project.

**Date: Occurs in March coinciding with AmeriCorps Week**

<https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMontana/servemontana-symposium>

## Montana State Service Plan

The State Service Plan is a three-year framework for service, volunteerism, and emergency preparedness in Montana.

The Plan is a requirement of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and is required under Montana law. Effective January 1, 2022, the SSP determines strategic goals and initiatives of the Montana Commission on Community Service.

**Date:** Current plan covers 2019-2021, <https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMontana/state-service-plan>

### ServeMontana Awards

ServeMontana Awards recognize individuals and groups of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community service, have enhanced civic life in Montana. These awards represent the best in positive change through service, volunteerism and community leadership.



We invite nominations for individuals and organizations who:

- Volunteer in activities result in lasting change and great benefit for people and places in Montana
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to serving their community
- Exhibit leadership in their service
- Represent determination and perseverance

**Date:** Applications accepted in winter and the award ceremony takes place late Spring.

<https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMontana/>



### Donate Life

ServeMontana encourages all Montana residents to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors, as the ultimate way of serving others. OCS partners with Life Center Northwest to co-host the Gift of Life Awards for families of those who became organ donors in Montana.

Date: Leaf requests are accepted on a rolling basis. The Gift of Life ceremony is each spring. <http://serve.mt.gov/Commission/organ-eye-tissue-donations>

Register to become a donor at [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org) or <https://dojmt.gov/driving/driver-licensing/#DLID2>



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