



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE



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**The Governor's Office of Community Service (AKA OCS & ServeMontana) promotes and expands national service and volunteer opportunities 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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## AmeriCorps

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 National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).**

OCS oversees 6 AmeriCorps State programs in Montana that collectively 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. [serve.mt.gov/ameri-corps-in-montana/](http://serve.mt.gov/ameri-corps-in-montana/)

## ServeMontana Symposium

The ServeMontana Symposium is our signature annual event. Each March, coinciding with AmeriCorps Week, this event brings together hundreds of AmeriCorps 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 service project. [serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/servemontana-symposium](http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/servemontana-symposium)

## State Service Plan

The State Service Plan is a three-year framework for national service and community volunteerism in Montana. The plan is required by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and under Montana law. It determines strategic goals and initiatives of the Montana Commission on Community Service. Current plan covers 2019-2021, View at [serve.mt.gov/About/State-Service-Plan](http://serve.mt.gov/About/State-Service-Plan).



# Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

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. Each year, 100 Montana high school seniors receive the \$1K Youth Serve Montana Scholarship for outstanding service contributions. Applications open in the fall/early winter. Scholarships are awarded in the spring. [serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/youth-serve-montana-scholarships](https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/youth-serve-montana-scholarships).

## ServeMontana Awards



ServeMontana Awards recognize individuals and groups of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community service, enhance 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 to make positive change and meaningful results for MT's people and places
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to serving their community
- Exhibit leadership in their service
- Represent determination and perseverance

Nominations open in the fall and are accepted through March. An award ceremony takes place in the spring. [serve.mt.gov/servemontana-awards](https://serve.mt.gov/servemontana-awards).



## Donate Life Montana

OCS encourages all Montana residents to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors, as the ultimate way of serving others. We partner with Life Center Northwest to co-host the Gift of Life Awards each spring for families of those who donated organs in Montana. [serve.mt.gov/Commission/organ-eye-tissue-donations](https://serve.mt.gov/Commission/organ-eye-tissue-donations). Register to be an organ donor at [donatelifemt.org](https://donatelifemt.org)

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