

December 10, 2024

Greetings Friends of Service!

The Governor's Office of Community Service annually hosts the ServeMontana Symposium to bring together AmeriCorps State, National, VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps members to further opportunities for personal and professional development, collaboration, and service. The 16th annual Symposium will be held in Helena on March 12-14, 2025, at Carroll College. This year's theme is "*Elements of Service*".

The ServeMontana Symposium emphasizes skill-building, information-sharing, professional development, and regional networking for the nearly 150 AmeriCorps members who serve at sites across our great state. This event kicks off with a member-led regional networking session designed to facilitate community and connection, as well as time for program staff from all over the state to connect and receive training. Carroll College President John Cech and Mayor Wilmot Collins will give remarks honoring AmeriCorps members and their service. On March 13th and 14th, members will attend plenary events, breakout sessions, and engage with keynote speakers to enhance their service year here in Montana and to ensure that they are fully equipped to meet some of our state's greatest needs.

Sponsors are essential partners to the success of this event, and we are currently inviting organizations to sponsor the 2025 ServeMontana Symposium. Please consider playing a key role in promoting a mission of service in Montana by sponsoring this event. I have included some additional information on this year's event and the benefits of being a sponsor. Please contact me with questions. Thank you for your support.

Regards,



Sarah Sadowski, Director

ServeMontana Symposium

On March 12-14, 2025, nearly 150 AmeriCorps State, National, VISTA, and NCCC members serving across Montana will gather for the 16th annual ServeMontana Symposium at Carroll College in Helena, MT. AmeriCorps engages committed citizens to meet essential community needs while developing lifelong skills.

Hosted by the Governor's Office of Community Service, this multiday conference-style event focuses on providing training and resources for AmeriCorps members and program staff. The 2025 theme, *Elements of Service*, emphasizes that the internal forces that drive AmeriCorps members - hope, dedication, grit, and care; are as unique, powerful, and intertwined as the forces that shape the Montana landscapes we hold dear. Members will guide their peers through regional networking sessions, attend breakout sessions and keynote presentations with topics as diverse as the communities across the Big Sky state, complete a service project together, participate in an all-attendee civic reflection, and more!

Why sponsor the ServeMontana Symposium?

Supporting the 2025 ServeMontana Symposium is an impactful way to increase the visibility of your organization's alignment with the mission of promoting service as a strategy to strengthen Montana communities. AmeriCorps members bolster the impacts of local efforts to meet human and landscape needs with lasting solutions. By sponsoring the ServeMontana Symposium, you will ensure the provision of high-quality professional speakers and trainers from the Montana service community, as well as the attendance of as many AmeriCorps members from across the state as possible, at no cost to them.

Since 1994, more than 10,000 AmeriCorps members have served over 11 million hours in Montana, and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$27,700,000! AmeriCorps serves to increase agricultural literacy, support education, provide access to the justice system, improve the environment, and meet other local needs, such as engaging volunteers.

Benefits of Sponsoring the ServeMontana Symposium

- Promote a positive organizational image and heighten visibility during the event and on communications such as the Governor's Office of Community Service website, press releases, and social media outlets.
- Demonstrate your essential role in promoting a mission of service and volunteerism in Montana.
- Highlight your organization with an audience from all over the state.
- Symposium sponsors send a clear message that they are genuinely invested in the power of service above self.
- Help create an impactful experience that is accessible to all Montana AmeriCorps members.
- Attend any and all Symposium events!

About the Governor's Office of Community Service:

The ServeMontana Symposium is hosted by the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (GOCS). GOCS and the Governor-appointed Montana Commission on Community Service were created in 1993 to promote and expand national service and volunteer opportunities in Montana. Now in its 31st year, GOCS:

- Encourages citizens of all ages and backgrounds to engage in service
- Encourages organizations to involve youth in the life and work of communities
- Works to promote and expand volunteer opportunities for all Montanans
- Administers federal funding from AmeriCorps, an independent and non-partisan federal agency, to develop and grow AmeriCorps State programs in Montana.
- Provides technical assistance and support services to community organizations and national service programs in Montana.

ServeMontana Symposium Sponsorship Form

YES! We would like to become a sponsor

Please select a sponsorship level:

- Service All-Star – Over \$5000 – supports overall event logistics and attendance for up to 15 AmeriCorps members.
- Platinum - \$2,501-\$5,000 – sponsor a keynote speaker and attendance for 10 AmeriCorps members.
- Gold - \$1,001-\$2,500 – support a keynote speaker (Rural, Tribal, Civic Engagement)
- Silver - \$500-\$1,000 – sponsor two breakout speakers.
- Bronze -Up to \$499 – sponsor the full cost of attendance for an AmeriCorps member.

Please print the following information:

Sponsor Name (as it should appear in print)

Contact Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Email Address

**Payment information will be sent to the contact name above*

When completed, please email this form to: serve@mt.gov or return by mail to: **PO Box 200801, Helena MT 59620.**

Your contribution may be tax deductible. Governor's Office of Community Service EIN #810302402

ServeMontana Symposium Sponsorship Benefits

Service All-Stars - \$5000+

- Prominent logo and recognition as a Service All-Star sponsor, including:
 - ServeMontana Symposium website for one year following the event
 - ServeMontana Symposium booklet, welcome slideshow, and remarks
 - ServeMontana Facebook and Instagram
 - ServeMontana Symposium press release and news interviews
- In-Person Event signage and sponsor outreach materials at event resource table
- Daily recognition by emcee from the podium
- Invitation to be recognized at Commission on Community Service Meeting
- Opportunity to introduce a speaker at the event.
- Official certificate of recognition signed by the Governor
- Complimentary full event registration for up to three sponsor representatives, open invitation for sponsors to attend any keynote/plenary speaker sessions.

Platinum - \$2,500-\$4,999

- Prominent logo and recognition as a Platinum sponsor, including:
 - ServeMontana Symposium website for one year following the event
 - ServeMontana Symposium booklet, welcome slideshow, and remarks
 - ServeMontana Facebook and Instagram
 - ServeMontana Symposium press release and news interviews
- In-Person Event signage and sponsor outreach materials at event resource table
- Daily recognition by emcee from the podium
- Invitation to be recognized at Commission on Community Service Meeting
- Opportunity to introduce a speaker at the event.
- Complimentary full event registration for up to three sponsor representatives

Gold - \$1,000-\$2,499

- Logo and recognition as Gold Sponsor on event materials including:
 - ServeMontana website, Facebook, and Instagram
 - ServeMontana Symposium booklet, welcome slideshow, and remarks
 - ServeMontana Symposium press release
- Option to display in-person event signage
- Sponsor outreach materials on resource table
- Daily recognition by emcee from the podium
- Invitation to be recognized at Commission on Community Service Meeting
- Complimentary full event registration for up to three sponsor representatives

Silver - \$500-\$999

- Logo and recognition as Silver Sponsor on event materials including:
 - ServeMontana website, Facebook, and Instagram
 - ServeMontana Symposium printed program, welcome slideshow, and remarks
- Option to display in-person event signage
- Sponsor outreach materials on resource table
- Complimentary full event registration for two sponsor representatives

Bronze -Up to \$499

- Logo and recognition as a Bronze Sponsor on event materials, including:
 - ServeMontana website and printed program
 - ServeMontana Facebook and Instagram
 - ServeMontana Symposium Welcome slideshow and remarks
- Complimentary full-event registration for one sponsor representative

All event sponsors will receive a thank you card, special promotional item from the event, and surprise gift.

For more information, please contact:

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Visit serve.mt.gov to learn more about AmeriCorps Montana, the ServeMontana Symposium, and the Governor's Office of Community Service!

Thank you!