

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

GOCS 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 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 AmeriCorps State & National, AmeriCorps VISTA, NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) and AmeriCorps Seniors.

The Governor's Office of Community Service oversees AmeriCorps State programs and planning grantees in Montana. Learn more by visiting [serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-programs](https://serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-programs).

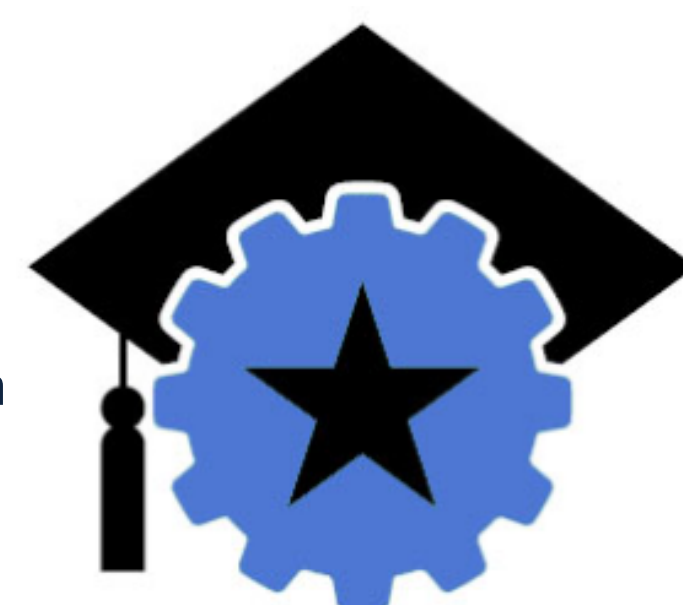
### Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

Statewide, high school students are eligible to receive a 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. These scholarships are made possible by Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement and Reach Higher Montana

**Applications open each winter and awarded in the spring.**

[serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/Youth-Serve-Montana-Scholarships](https://serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/Youth-Serve-Montana-Scholarships)



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### ServeMontana Symposium

The ServeMontana Symposium convenes AmeriCorps State & National, VISTA, NCCC members, program staff, and AmeriCorps Seniors staff from across the state to further opportunities for member development through workshops and in service training.

Each year, a unique theme is chosen with corresponding sessions, speakers, and panels, along with a service project.

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

[serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/serveMontana-symposium](https://serve.mt.gov/ameriCorps/serveMontana-symposium)

## Montana State Service Plan

The Montana State Service Plan is a three-year framework for national service, community volunteerism, and Donate Life. The Plan is a requirement of AmeriCorps and Montana law. Effective January 1, 2025, the Plan sets strategic objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Montana Commission on Community Service.

**Current plan covers 2025-2027**, [serve.mt.gov/who-we-are/State-Service-Plan](https://serve.mt.gov/who-we-are/State-Service-Plan)

## ServeMontana Awards

ServeMontana Awards recognize individuals and groups of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community volunteerism, have enhanced civic life in Montana. These awards represent the best in positive change through volunteerism and community leadership. This event is sponsored by Montana's Credit Unions.

We invite nominations for individuals and organizations who:

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



Date: Nominations open each new year, award ceremony takes place in June.

[serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/ServeMontana-Awards](https://serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/ServeMontana-Awards).

## Donate Life and the Threshold of Life Memorial



ServeMontana encourages all Montana residents to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors, as a way of serving others. Each April, GOCS partners with Life Center Northwest to co-host the Gift of Life Awards for families of Montanans who gave the ultimate gift of organ donation in their passing.

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

**TODAY!**

In honor of all Montana's organ, eye, and tissue donors - both living and deceased - the Threshold of Life Memorial will be a place of contemplation for families and friends of lost loved ones, and a symbol of hope for those who are waiting for a life saving transplant. The design and location on the Capitol grounds have been approved; however, there are no public funds to build it. Join us in reaching the \$500,000 fundraising goal to make this memorial a reality. To donate to the memorial or to learn more, visit [serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/Organ-Donation-and-Memorial](https://serve.mt.gov/commission-initiatives/Organ-Donation-and-Memorial).



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