FoodCorps AmeriCorps Member Application 2025-2026

Introduction

We're glad that you're here. We highly recommend that you take time to preview the application before getting started! There's a lot of information we share throughout that is pertinent to the position. This application can take 1-2 hours to complete.

Before you get started, we want one thing to be clear: The FoodCorps Member position isn't just a regular job. AmeriCorps national service "is an opportunity for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities." Applying for this position means you are committing to the future of the students of America by creating the conditions for them to experience the joy and power of food.

In addition, the interview and selection process is a lengthy one, with variability and ambiguity along the way. However, students are at the center of everything we do at FoodCorps. So each step serves a purpose to ensure that the individuals we select are committed to students and the future where all kids know the joy and power of food.

Are you ready to begin?

Applicant Information

Preferred First Name: *

Preferred Last Name: *

Email: *
This is the email we will use to contact you for scheduling interviews. Make sure it is an email address that will remain valid for at least the next 12 months. If you are a current FoodCorps Service Member, please use your personal email. DO NOT use your FoodCorps email.

Primary Phone Number: *
We will use this phone number if we are unable to reach you via email.

Current City:*

Current State: *
If you currently live out of the country, choose the state where you most recently lived.

Current Zip code: *

Permanent City:
If different from your current address.

Permanent State:

Permanent Zip code:

Resume

Attach your resume to this application.*
Don't have a resume? Take a look here for some resume templates! *Be sure to upload a PDF file. Think you'd need more support, sign up for our resume workshop here!*

Optional Demographic Information

All of the questions on this page are optional and will not be visible to application reviewers or considered in the selection process. FoodCorps collects this information to better understand who is applying to our program and to meet reporting requirements.

FoodCorps is an equal opportunity organization. FoodCorps does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, disability, marital status, military or veteran status, or any other legally recognized protected basis under federal, state, or local laws, regulations or ordinances.

Are you a first generation high school graduate?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Prefer not to answer

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Are you a first generation college student or graduate?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Prefer not to answer

What is your race or ethnic background? (select all that apply)

- □ Indigenous
- □ Arab-American / Middle Eastern
- □ Asian
- □ Black or African American
- □ Latine
- □ Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- □ White
- □ Other
- □ Prefer not to say

What kind of community did you grow up in? (select all that apply)

- □ Urban
- □ Rural
- □ Suburban

Did you qualify for free or reduced priced lunch when attending school?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Prefer not to say

FoodCorps does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. In order to ensure we consider the needs of the whole community, please consider the following optional questions:

What is your gender identity?

What is your age?

Have you ever been the recipient of a Pell Grant?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Prefer not to say

Short Answers

We know that writing isn't everyone's strong suit or preferred form of expression, **so you have the option to attach a multimedia response to any of the questions below instead of writing.** (For

example: online video or audio file, PowerPoint, Keynote, or Prezi presentation, photographs, blogs, excerpts from papers or lesson plans, etc.)

Are you a returning member?

- ☐ Yes (Question 2 and 5 only)
- ☐ No (Answer question 1-4)

1. **Tell us what excites you about a year with FoodCorps and working within an organization that's at the intersection of food and education. How do you see school meals impacting student success and creating supporting environments?**

2. **Check which position you'd like to apply for.**
   - ☐ **Food Education: What do you understand about the position? Why does it pique your interest?**
   - ☐ **School Nutrition: What do you understand about the position? Why does it pique your interest?**
   - ☐ **Both, Please explain.**

3. **What work do you want to do ultimately and why? What are you most interested in learning in this position?**

4. Can you share a story about a time when someone made a significant impact on your life, particularly when you were younger? How did this experience shape your passion for working with children, guiding their development, and/or contributing to long-term change for students and their communities?

5. For returning service members only:
   a. What are you hoping to gain from a second year? What strengths can you offer? Share an experience that affirmed your interest in a second year.

6. **Other Information -** *We might have missed something! Is there anything else you'd like us to know about why you're a great fit for FoodCorps?*

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State Preferences

It's important to share here that there will be some ambiguity about our specific school locations and the timeline along the way. It's hard for us to know exactly what positions will be available for the school year when we start the interview process. Why? Some variables include:

- School budgets
- AmeriCorps funding
- Turnover within the school

We know the need is there and FoodCorps is committed to fostering nourishing food environments in schools. Our commitment to you is that we'll share information about the school sites as soon as we have it.

After getting to know the states and sites we serve, please select the states which you'd like to serve. (Select all that apply.)

Please note FoodCorps does not provide housing and members are responsible for relocation.

Don't see your state? Interested in bringing FoodCorps to your state? Send a message to apply@foodcorps.org.

- ☐ Alabama
- ☐ Arkansas
- ☐ California
- ☐ Connecticut
- ☐ DC Metro-Maryland
- ☐ Georgia
- ☐ Iowa
- ☐ Kentucky
- ☐ Maine
- ☐ Massachusetts
- ☐ Michigan
- ☐ Mississippi
- ☐ Missouri
- ☐ New Jersey
- ☐ New Mexico
- ☐ Ohio - Cleveland
- ☐ Oregon
- ☐ Rhode Island
- ☐ I'm open to any of the states listed above!

What sites are you interested in and why? What connections do you have there?.* (Did you grow up there? Do you have any family, friends, relatives? Do you identify with the community?)

References

Please use this space to add up to three references. **One of them should be in a supervisory capacity (Ex. manager or professor)**. They will be contacted after your screening interview.

A letter of recommendation is also acceptable as a reference. Please send any letters of recommendation to apply@foodcorps.org with [YOUR NAME - Letter of Recommendation] in the subject line.

Reference #1 Full Name:*

Relationship to Applicant: *

Phone Number: *

Reference #1 Email: *

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Reference #2 Full Name:*

Relationship to Applicant: *

Phone Number: *

Reference #2 Email: *

Reference #3 Full Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

Phone Number:

Reference #3 Email:

Additional Considerations

This information will help us determine your site placement.

What is your first language?

Do you speak Spanish?
If so, please indicate your level of proficiency.

Examples of Language Proficiency Levels	
Beginner	*I know a few words and greetings here and there.*
Emerging	*I'm comfortable ordering from a restaurant in another language.*
Intermediate	*I'm comfortable having a conversation with a stranger in another language.*
Advanced	*I'm comfortable with teaching a full lesson in another language.*

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Native	*I've spoken the language from early childhood and am comfortable at all levels.*

Do you speak additional languages other than English or Spanish?
If so, please indicate which language and your level of proficiency.

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Will you own or have access to a vehicle?
FoodCorps does not require you to have access to a vehicle but some sites do (especially rural sites where public transportation is unavailable!). If you will not have access to a car during your service term, we'll ensure that you will be considered for service sites where a car is optional or unnecessary.

How did you hear about FoodCorps? (Please be as detailed as possible)*

- ☐ A Current Service Member or Alumni (please list who)
- ☐ FoodCorps Staff Member (please list who)
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Local News/Media
- ☐ FoodCorps Email
- ☐ Job search website
- ☐ Google or other web search
- ☐ Career Fair, College/University Professor, Career Services, etc.

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- ☐ Other Personal Contact (please list who)
- ☐ Other

I've read and fully understand the pay and benefits of this position.

- A living stipend of $33,000 if you serve the entire 11-month national service term, paid bi-weekly
- Housing is not provided. If relocating for the position, members are responsible for securing housing prior to the start date. If selected for the position, members must provide proof of residence by July 11, 2025.
- AmeriCorps Segal Education Award upon successful completion of the term
- Student Loan Forbearance, if you qualify
- Health, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Need-based funding and relocation support of $500
- Partial Childcare Reimbursements, if you qualify

☐ Yes, I understand.
☐ No, I have some questions. If no, please share your questions with us here. A member of our team will follow up with you.

This position runs from August 11, 2025 - July 17, 2026 and overnight travel for training events about 3 times throughout the term will be required. Is there anything that would prevent you from fulfilling this requirement?

☐ Yes, if yes please explain.
☐ There is nothing preventing me. I can fulfill this requirement!

Certification

Please review the following statements and certify their accuracy by checking each box and then initial.

Section 1*

I have read the FoodCorps application instructions and I certify that I am eligible to serve as a FoodCorps Service Member for the 2025-2026 term. Eligibility requirements include:

- You must be 18 years of age by the start of the national service term, August 11, 2025.
- You are a U.S. Citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident.
- You have achieved your high school diploma or GED.
- You have not previously served four AmeriCorps State or National terms.

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Section 2*

If I am selected as a finalist for a FoodCorps service position, I give FoodCorps permission to conduct criminal history background checks in accordance with the Corporation for National and Community Service guidelines. I understand that in accordance with AmeriCorps policy, I will not be eligible for service membership if I am listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, if I have been previously convicted of a violent felony, if I have been previously convicted of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance or illegal drug, or if I refuse to undergo a National Service Criminal History check. I understand that other prior criminal history does not necessarily prohibit me from serving with FoodCorps, but that each case will be reviewed by FoodCorps before my membership can be approved.

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Section 3*

I give FoodCorps permission to use any Non-Identifiable information that I provide in this application for programming purposes, including promotional or communications purposes.

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Section 4*

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate. I understand that the withholding of any information sought by this application, or the giving of false information on this application, will result in a refusal of selection, or, if discovered after I am selected, in disciplinary action up to and including termination. I hereby grant permission to any person, firm, or corporation to release to FoodCorps or its representatives any and all information regarding my past service, work, or employment and my background. I waive any and all claims I might have with respect to the providing of such information. I further understand and agree that if I am offered and accept a service position with FoodCorps, my service would be on an at-will basis. This means that either I, or FoodCorps, may terminate the service relationship at any time with or without cause. It also means that FoodCorps reserves the right to determine and change at any time my service duties and responsibilities, reporting relationships, compensation and benefits, as well as its personnel policies and procedures for any reason or for no particular reason or cause. Finally, I understand and agree that this constitutes the entire agreement between me and FoodCorps with regard to my application for service.

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