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STEP ONE enrollment



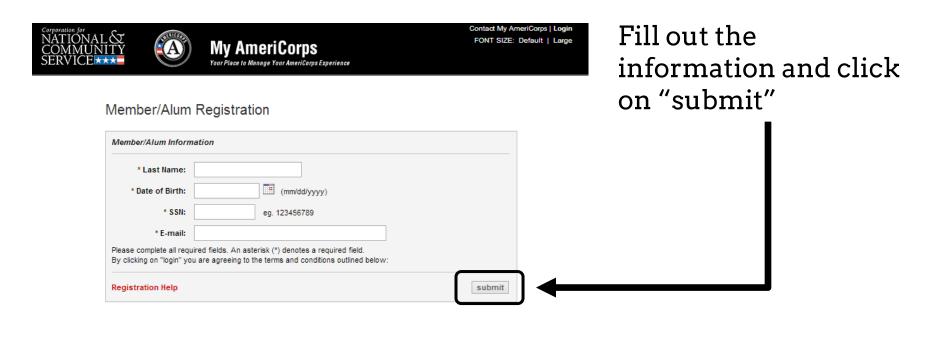
Go to <u>my.americorps.gov</u>

STEP TWO enrollment

Please complete all required fields. An asterisk (*) denotes a required field. By clicking on "login" you are agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined below: * Username: * Password:	Register to Create a New Member/Alum Account
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Register to create a new Institution account

STEP THREE enrollment



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> If you receive an error message contact the ICAP program director or you campus supervisor.

STEP FOUR enrollment

YOUR PASSWORD MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 12 characters long
- Must contain at least one numeric digit
- Must contain at least one special character (i.e. "#\$%&'
 ()*+,-./:;<=>?@[\]^_`{|}~!)
- Must contain both upper and lower case letters
- Must not repeat any of your previous passwords
- Must not contain your username

YOUR PASSWORD IS RECOMMENDED TO NOT BE THE FOLLOWING

- Should not contain a dictionary word
- Should not contain any proper noun or the name of any person, pet, child, fictional character, or any information that could be readily guessed about you (birth date, telephone number, employee number, SSN, etc.)
- Should not contain any simple pattern of letters or numbers, such as "xyz123" or which are easy to type.

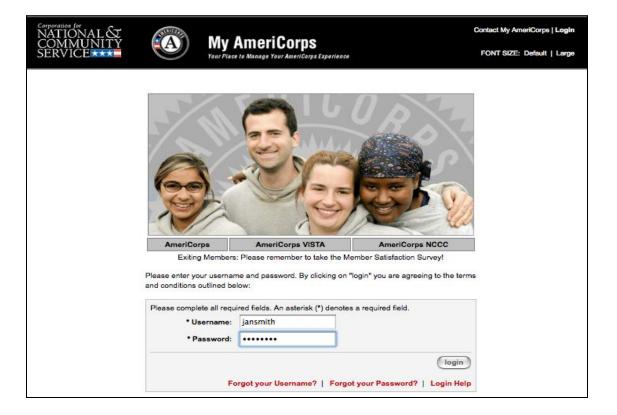
You will be asked to set up a username and password.

STEP FIVE enrollment

ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION

Once you have set up your user name and password, an email will be sent to you, confirming your enrollment in *MyAmeriCorps*.

Return to <u>my.americorps.gov</u> to log into your account.



STEP SIX enrollment

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Once you are logged in check to make sure all your personal information is correct.

You can correct it by selecting "*edit my contact information*."

STEP SEVEN enrollment

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Edit My Profile

Please update your personal information using the Edit Profile option. Upon completing your updates, click the "submit" button to update your profile.

Click here for help.

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Home Phone Number:	987-654-3210						
Work Phone Number:	987-555-6547						
* Permanent Address:	10 Main St						
	Elsewhere	TX 🚦	~	79100]-[
Home Phone Number:	789-456-1230						
Work Phone Number:							
Receive E-mail Notifications:	2						
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Use the AmeriCorps Hotline to correct your

- name
- birth date
- social security number

1.800.942.2677

STEP EIGHT enrollment

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF YOUR MY.AMERICORPS ACCOUNT

- Make an Education Award Payment to a Title IV institution.
- Create a Loan Forbearance request.
- Create an Interest Accrual request.
- Print Tax document 1099 for end-of-year tax statement.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE

- Contact the AmeriCorps Hotline
 - 1.800.942.2677
- Contact your campus supervisor
- <u>Contact</u> the ICAP program director

Additional Resources

- Ed Award Guidebook
- <u>AmeriCorps Alum Ed award</u> <u>FAQ</u>
- AmeriCorps Ed award FAQ
- <u>AmeriCorps Ed Award</u> <u>Website</u>

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YOU CAN USE YOUR EDUCATION AWARD FOR...

Qualified Student Loan Payments

Current Education Expenses

- Cost of Attendance (COA)
 - Tuition
 - Books & Supplies
 - Transportation
 - Room & Board
 - Other similar costs
- Education expenses from non-degree courses
 - Continuing Education
 - Other additional costs
- Courses or trainings authorized under the GI Bill
 - All expenses are verified by a VA-approved Certifying Official
 - You must have veteran status if your award was earned after 12/23/2011

Qualified Student Loans are ...

- A loan backed by the federal government such as ...
 - Stafford Loans
 - · Perkins Loans
 - · William D. Ford Direct Loans
 - · Federal Consolidated Loans
 - · Graduate PLUS Loans
 - · Primary Care Loans
 - Nursing Student Loans
 - · Health Education Assistance Loans

Qualified Student Loans are not ...

• Private loans provided directly to you by private lenders (e.g., Wellsfargo, Sallie Mae)

PRO TIP!

If you consolidate your loans with a private company then make sure you pay out the value of your ed. award before you consolidate your loans. Otherwise you will be unable to use your ed. award to pay off your student loans.

Only Title IV schools may accept AmeriCorps education awards as payment. All schools participating in ICAP are Title IV schools.

Individuals can earn a maximum of two full education awards in their lifetime

You may earn up to 2 full time education awards or four total awards. One 300 hour award is approximately one-fifth of a full AmeriCorps term. One 450 hour award is approximately onequarter of a full AmeriCorps term.

AmeriCorps VISTA

If you decide to continue your service with the AmeriCorps VISTA program and you have earned all of your education awards you may elect to earn a stipend of approximately \$1,500 instead.

You must use your entire education award within seven years or you will lose it!

You can apply for an extension if you have compelling circumstances. Call the National Service Trust at 1-888-507-5962 for more information on how to use your award. You must request the extension BEFORE the expiration date.

You must complete all of the ICAP requirements INCLUDING your minimum service hours in order to receive your education award

You must complete all required trainings in order to earn your award. You must complete the required exit paperwork and turn it into your supervisor

You may serve over your minimum service hours! It's encouraged!

You can distribute your education award as much or as little at a time.

You can use your payments over the course of several years. You can pay for your tuition and your accrued student loan interest at the same time. You can pay your current tuition and save the rest for future education costs.

Your education award must be used as payment to a qualified school of higher education or your student loans

You cannot pay for school supplies with a credit card and expect payment. Ask your financial aid office for help if you are purchasing school supplies. This may include study abroad options as well. Some overseas schools are Title IV.

What is a Title IV school?

All schools participating in ICAP are Title IV. If you would like to see what other schools are Title IV then check out the <u>Federal School Code List.</u>

Your Education Award is considered taxable income.

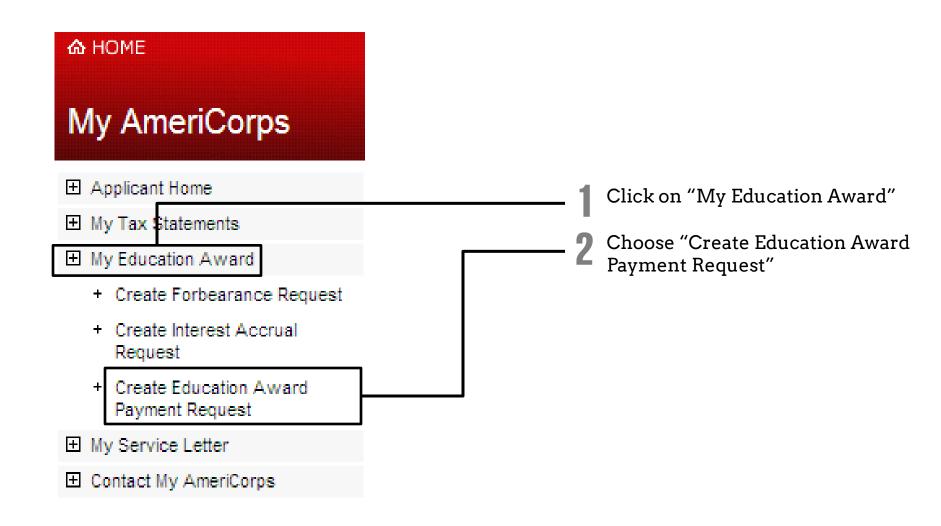
This only applies at the federal level. The trust will send you a 1099 form. The state of Iowa does not tax your education award if you use it at an Iowa school. You won't have to pay taxes if you use less than \$600 of your education award per year. You can use <u>this handout</u> provided by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services to learn how to fill in your Iowa 1040 Long Tax Form to avoid paying the Iowa income tax.

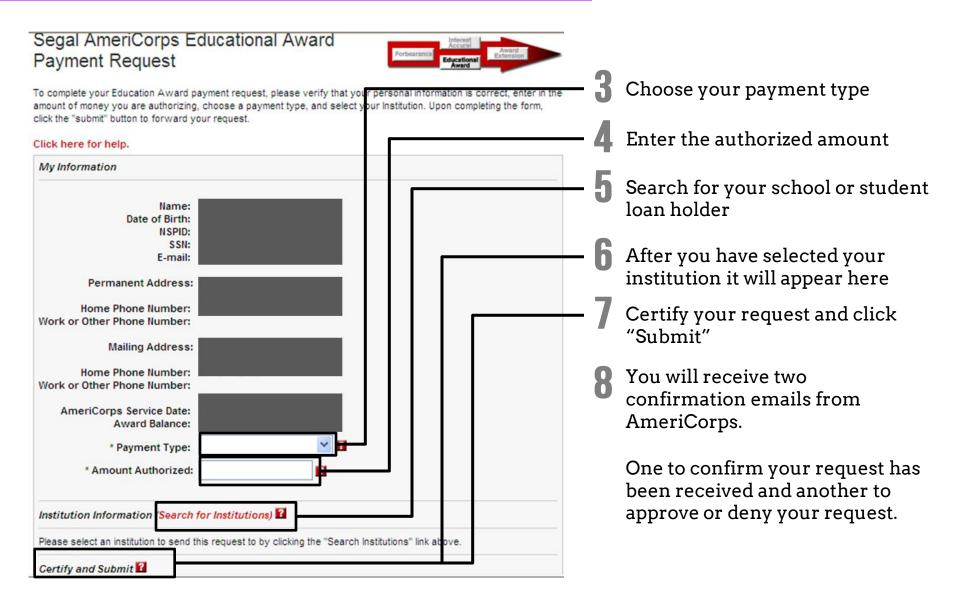
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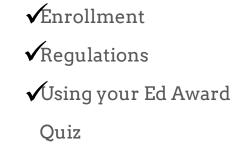
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If you have any more questions about how to access or use your education award please contact the National Service Trust through the AmeriCorps hotline at **1-800-942-2677**.

Your education award is managed by the National Service Trust once you are successfully exited from the Iowa College AmeriCorps Program.



Please complete <u>the following quiz</u> about AmeriCorps education awards in order to indicate that you have completed the Education Award Training requirement for ICAP.

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