



## AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities

AmeriCorps members may not engage in the below activities directly or indirectly by recruiting, training, or managing others for the primary purpose of engaging in one of the activities listed below. Individuals may exercise their rights as private citizens and may participate in the activities listed below on their initiative, on non-AmeriCorps time, and using non-AmeriCorps funds. Individuals should not wear the AmeriCorps logo while engaging in any of the below activities in their personal time.

1. Attempting to influence legislation.
2. Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes.
3. Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing.
4. Impairing existing service contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements.
5. Engaging in partisan political activities or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office.
6. Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials.
7. Engaging in religious instruction; conducting worship services; providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship; constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship; maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship; or engaging in any form of religious proselytization.
8. Providing a direct benefit to:
  - a) a business organized for profit;
  - b) A labor union;
  - c) A partisan political organization; or
  - d) A nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 related to engaging in political activities or substantial amount of lobbying except that nothing in these provisions shall be construed to prevent participants from participating in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and
  - e) An organization engaged in the religious activities described above in prohibited activity 7, unless AmeriCorps assistance is not used to support the religious activities.
9. Conducting a voter registration drive or using AmeriCorps funds to conduct a voter registration drive.
10. Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services.

11. Such other activities as AmeriCorps may prohibit.

In addition to the above activities, the below activities are also prohibited:

**Census Activities.** AmeriCorps members and volunteers associated with AmeriCorps grants may not engage in census activities during service hours. Being a census taker during service hours is categorically prohibited. Census-related activities (e.g., promotion of the Census, education about the importance of the Census) do not align with AmeriCorps State and National objectives. What members and volunteers do on their own time is up to them, consistent with program policies about outside employment and activities.

**Election and Polling Activities.** AmeriCorps member may not provide services for election or polling locations or in support of such activities.

**Illegal Activities.** AmeriCorps member may not engage in any activity that is illegal under local, state, or federal law.

**Unsafe Activities.** AmeriCorps member may not engage in activities that pose a significant safety risk to others.

**Fundraising Activities.** AmeriCorps member may not engage in fundraising or grant writing activities that do not comply with AmeriCorps policy (Read Fundraising Policy).