Prospective Members

Thank you for your interest in the CUNY Service Corps. The application for the Service Corps is now closed. If you did not apply this year, we encourage you to apply next year. The Service Corps gives students like you the chance to play a role in improving New York City’s future — while gaining real-work experience and getting paid. As a Service Corps student, you will become a member of a prestigious University community practicing service and building skills. You will have the opportunity to participate in interesting projects, which include the following:

- Providing administrative support to hospital Vice Presidents
- Helping senior citizens to use technology effectively
- Designing promotional flyers to attract youth to a job training program
- Teaching children about animals in a zoo
- Promoting financial literacy among adults
- Researching energy efficiency

Important Program Facts

- The CUNY Service Corps launched in the fall of 2013. The current cohort of 801 students is placed at 111 community partner organizations and 15 faculty-led projects throughout the City.
- The 2015-16 program will run at 9 participating CUNY colleges: Borough of Manhattan Community College, City College, College of Staten Island, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Kingsborough Community College, Lehman College, Medgar Evers College, New York City College of Technology, Queens College.
- Finalists will be interviewed in the spring, and students who are accepted into the Service Corps will be notified in April or May.
- All Service Corps members will undergo a training program before their placements begin, most likely in August.
- Service Corps placements will last twenty-four weeks over two semesters; students will work 12 hours per week and be paid $12 per hour.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the CUNY Service Corps, students must:

- Be working toward a degree at one of the participating CUNY colleges
- Be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credits) in spring 2015 and plan to enroll full-time during the 2015-2016 academic year
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5*
- Have earned at least 24 college credits by the end of summer 2015 (18 credits for community college students)*
- Have addressed any remedial education needs prior to beginning fall 2015 classes
- Have the proper work authorization required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

*NOTE: Community college students with under 24 credits must have a GPA of at least 3.0. Community college students with 24 credits or above can have a 2.5 GPA.
In addition, the CUNY Service Corps is interested in applicants who demonstrate that they:

- Want to be part of a special and important program that will make a difference in the lives of New Yorkers
- Are interested in helping people, neighborhoods, and/or organizations
- Can balance work in the CUNY Service Corps with college studies and other co-curricular commitments
- Show promise as a leader and a problem-solver
- Are able to work as a member of a team

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