

## AmeriCorps Child Care Benefits Program

The AmeriCorps Child Care Benefit Program is available for qualified, active, full-time AmeriCorps State and National, VISTA, NCCC, and FEMA Corps Members who need the benefit to serve; eligibility requirements are listed below for each AmeriCorps program. Child care benefits are paid directly to qualified child care providers for all or of part of the member's child care costs during their active time of service; child care benefit payments cannot be paid directly to AmeriCorps members. Child care benefits may not exceed applicable payment rates as established in the state in which the child care is provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(4)(A)).

### AmeriCorps Child Care Benefits Administration

GAP Solutions, Inc. (GAPSI) administers the AmeriCorps Child Care Benefits Program for the Corporation for National and Community Service and therefore members must apply directly to GAPSI for the child care benefit. Interested and eligible members should visit the GAP Solutions, Inc. website at: [www.americorpschildcare.com](http://www.americorpschildcare.com) or call toll-free at 855-886-0687 for more information.

### Member Eligibility Requirements

#### AmeriCorps State and National

AmeriCorps child care benefits are available to full-time State and National members who qualify. To qualify for the child care benefit, the member must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The State and National member's household income must not exceed **75% of the state's median income for a family of the same size**; this limit is different for each state and may change annually. The total household income is used to determine your income eligibility excluding your AmeriCorps State & National living allowance.
- The member must not currently receive a child care subsidy from another source at the time of acceptance into the program (including a parent or guardian) which would continue to be provided while the member serves in the program.
- The member must be the parent or legal guardian of a child under the age 13.
- The child must reside with the member.
- The member must certify that he or she needs child care in order to participate in the AmeriCorps State and National program.

#### AmeriCorps VISTA

The maximum amount of child care assistance a VISTA member can receive is **up to \$400 per child per month**. A VISTA who is approved to receive the child care benefit may apply a portion of the subsidy to cover the cost for child care while the VISTA attends Pre-Service Orientation.

To qualify for the child care benefit, the VISTA member must meet the following requirements:

- The VISTA members' household income must not exceed the limit determined by the state in which the child care is provided; this limit is different for each state and may change annually. The total household income is used to determine your income eligibility excluding your VISTA living allowance.
- The member must not currently receive a child care subsidy from another source.

- The member must be the parent or legal guardian of a child under the age 13.
- The child must reside with the member.
- The member must certify that he or she needs child care in order to participate in the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

### **AmeriCorps NCCC**

The maximum amount of child care assistance a NCCC member can receive is **up to \$400 per child per month**. To qualify for the child care benefit, the NCCC member must meet the following requirements:

- The NCCC member's household income must not exceed the limit determined by the state in which the child care is provided. This limit is different for each state and may change annually. The total household income is used to determine your income eligibility excluding your NCCC living allowance.
- The member must not currently receive a child care subsidy from another source.
- The member must be the parent or legal guardian of a child under the age 13.
- The child should not be living with the member; the legal guardian or family member with whom the child is living should also be the child care provider.
- The member must certify that he or she needs child care in order to participate in the AmeriCorps NCCC program.