



Heart of Oregon AmeriCorps Referral Process

1. Young adult is **identified** as a potential participant by referral partner.
Good **potential participants** should be:
 - Between 17-27 yrs old
 - US citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien
 - Make a six-month commitment
 - Formerly or currently court-involved or formerly incarcerated
 - Willing to work towards completion of diploma or GED (if applicable)
 - In the Bend area (we can problem-solve transportation in Deschutes Co.)
 - Be able to live on the AmeriCorps Living Stipend.

AmeriCorps Benefits:

 - Living Stipend (\$5771 distributed over 6 months...\$110 a week to member, \$110 a week into member's Trust Account)
 - Education Award (\$2362 for post-secondary education)
 - Health Insurance with prescription benefits
 - Child Care benefits if eligible
 - Training in hands-on job skills while giving back to the community
 - Building foundations in Career, Leadership, and Independent Living Skills
 - Assistance (non-financial) with transition to Independent Living
 - "Graduate Services" Post-Program case management (1 year)
2. Young adult is **educated** about the program (meetings available with Laura) and **given an application**. Please let Laura know if you need an application
3. Young adult **schedules an interview** with Laura, when they will **turn in their application**. PO's or Jail Staff may contact Laura to assist with scheduling the interview.
4. Young adult is **accepted** or not accepted. If the program is full, member is put on a wait list. If there is an opening, the member proceeds to step 5.
5. Once accepted, young adult **signs the AmeriCorps Member Contract** and completes all enrollment forms during a wrap around meeting with other supportive adults/community members.
6. **Member begins service.**

Useful Materials:

- AmeriCorps Brochure, Application

Questions? Need Materials or Application?

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