How do I qualify to become an AmeriCorps member through People Inc.?
- Be at least 18 years of age AND
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent (some exceptions apply) AND
- Be a citizen, national or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States

How can I apply?
To view available AmeriCorps service opportunities at People Inc., visit the My AmeriCorps Portal (my.americorps.gov), click “Search listings,” then at Program Name, enter People Inc. ETHOS. Review all of the listings, select Apply Now and register.

Those who have served in the U.S. Military (including the Guard and Reserve), their families and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

If I have questions, who may I contact?
Pamela Kefi, Program Director
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Since becoming an ETHOS member, I have felt tremendous personal growth. I have been unable to work a traditional job due to my health, and ETHOS has provided me with an amazing opportunity. Signing up is truly one of the best decisions I have ever made!

Brynn Brewington
ETHOS AmeriCorps Service Member

Being a member of People Inc. ETHOS AmeriCorps program has allowed me to create meaningful connections and build a supportive and encouraging community of artists. At the Arts Experience, I have been inspired to engage with my art in a new and exciting way. I would recommend the program for someone looking to make a positive, personal impact in their community.

Lizzy Hinman
ETHOS AmeriCorps Service Member

My involvement with Deaf Access Services (DAS), an affiliate of People Inc. has been monumental in shaping my career because I am able to connect with and help those with experiences similar to mine. As a member, I provide support, resources, education and other opportunities to the WNY Deaf and hard of hearing community, especially local refugees and immigrants.

Yann Spindler
ETHOS AmeriCorps Service Member

People Inc., a multispecialty non-profit health and human services agency, provides programs and services to more than 10,000 people with developmental disabilities, special needs, their families and older adults throughout Western New York and the Greater Rochester region.

People Inc. believes in the value of service to others and is proud to support AmeriCorps service opportunities through its partnership with AmeriCorps New York.
AmeriCorps is your chance to:
• Take the path less traveled
• Challenge the status quo
• Turn talk into action
• Be the solution

The People Inc. ETHOS AmeriCorps Program stands for Empowerment Through Helping Others Succeed. Ethos is a Greek word meaning “character” that is used to describe the guiding beliefs or ideals that characterize a community, nation or ideology.

AmeriCorps is a national program, often referred to as the domestic version of the Peace Corps. It connects people and organizations committed to using national service to address community needs.

The New York State Commission on National and Community Service, established by Executive Order in 1994, oversees AmeriCorps programs that build and reinforce a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility. In New York State, approximately 4,000 AmeriCorps members serve their communities each year enriching their lives while also bringing substantive, enduring change to their communities.

Your New Mission
People Inc. ETHOS AmeriCorps members will serve part-time with flexible hours, usually three to four days each week. Service terms run up to one year and members can apply to re-enroll.

Become part of our effort to help people achieve their life goals with your support. We are sure that there are numerous options to match your interests on the My AmeriCorps portal.

Benefits of becoming an AmeriCorps member include:
• Job training and new skills that enhance career opportunities
• Living allowance* during the service term, based on the amount of hours. Varies based on the member’s availability and specific program needs
• Education Award upon completion of service to help pay for college, graduate school, or vocational training, or to repay student loans
• Student loan deferment

You will gain valuable job skills, connect with a diverse team of people, and have a positive impact in your community as you help others succeed. Our goal is for you to increase your job prospects in the field of human services, or other jobs where the skills acquired are transferable. We will be pleased to consider you for employment upon successful completion of your service.

NOW Accepting Applications
AmeriCorps members will work alongside our staff, participating in a variety of human service activities in our agency programs, in the community and with other community-based organizations. See reverse for details.

*Note: Income received through this program is taxable. This should not count against your SSI, but may affect SSDI and other benefits you are receiving. Talk with us and consult your benefits worker for more information.