AmeriCorps at GSNETX Frequently Asked Questions:

What will I be doing as an AmeriCorps member?

At GSNETX, AmeriCorps members serve by creating and delivering programming to our girls, chaperoning participants during field trips and events, and assisting with station rotation and other activities. We are looking for people who can provide supportive adult mentorship to the girls.

How much will I be compensated for my service?

This position is paid through a living allowance, which is basically a stipend you receive twice a month while you are in the program. It is not an hourly wage. Compensation varies based on the type of cohort and service term you choose. Please see this link for more information. American Summary Page for Candidates FY 23-24 Fall.docx

What are all the service terms available?

Full Time Lead, Half Time, Reduced Half Time, Quarter Time, and Minimal Time. Please see this link for more information regarding service term hour commitments. <u>AmeriCorps Summary Page for Candidates FY</u> 23-24 Fall.docx

How many hours per week will I be working?

Scheduling varies based on the type of cohort and location. Please see this link for more information. AmeriCorps Summary Page for Candidates FY 23-24 Fall.docx

Is the Living Allowance and the Education Award the same thing?

No, they are different monetary amounts. The living allowance is the stipend amount you will receive for active service and can be used for your personal discretion. The education award is a separate amount that you would earn at the end once you successfully complete the term and serve all of the required hours.

What can I use the Education Award for?

The education award can be used for tuition, student loans, and other school related expenses such as books, laptops. If you don't have a need or want to use it for these items, you can pass it on to immediate members of your family. It must be used within 7 years of disbursement.

See more FAQs regarding the Education Award here <u>Education Award frequently asked questions</u> | AmeriCorps

Will I have benefits as an AmeriCorps member?

Yes! Full Time members are eligible to receive free healthcare and child care assistance, in addition to the other benefits listed that are available to all AmeriCorps members:

Member Assistance Plan (free therapy and resources including life coaching. Similar to an EAP)

Girl Scouts Membership

Mileage (varies based on travel requirements)

Tuition/Student Loan Assistance (via Education Award)

Training, Workshops, and Networking Opportunities

Can I still apply if I don't have experience creating curriculum or working in STEM?

Yes you can! We understand that people are coming from all walks of life. Plus, AmeriCorps has been designed to teach you and develop you in ways that you might not have imagined. We will train you.

Can I still do AmeriCorps if I just want to help out with activities randomly?

We love that you want to make a difference with our girls. Working with AmeriCorps however, does require dedication and an extended time commitment. At Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, we do provide people with opportunities to volunteer with us. Check here for more information <u>Volunteer | Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas (gsnetx.org)</u>

How long does it take to get onboarded?

Onboarding is done in just a few steps.

- a. Screening with the HR coordinator.
- b. Interviewing with the on-site supervisor.
- c. Turning in all of your provided application materials, and passing your NSCHC background checks.
- d. Completing a weeklong pre-service orientation.
- e. Start making a difference in the community.

I'm interested. What are the next steps?

Email your resume to ahouston@gsnetx.org and we will take it from there.