



CRIMINAL HISTORY CERTIFICATION



The AmeriCorps application process requires a criminal history check to ensure that community members with whom we work are protected, particularly children, individuals with disabilities, and individuals over 60 years old. We will investigate for past sexual offenses and violent crimes, or crimes that would have a direct bearing on your service. This background check will entail our search of the National Sex Offenders Public Website, California criminal history check, as well as the state of residence at time of application, and an FBI criminal history check, which will require you to be fingerprinted. You will not be permitted to serve or work with children, individuals with disabilities, or individuals over 60 years of age, without supervision until the history check is complete and you are cleared. The review process is not lengthy, and normally is completed within weeks.

Existence of a criminal conviction or juvenile adjudication may or may not, depending on the circumstances, disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission will disqualify you.

By signing this form, I certify that all of the statements made in my application/criminal history are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. Misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification or termination as an AmeriCorps member. If I am selected for participation in some AmeriCorps programs, including AmeriCorps NCCC, I may be required to submit to a physical examination, including drug or alcohol testing. Background and security checks may also be conducted by some programs.

PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per submission, including reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing the form. Comments on the burden or content of this instrument may be sent to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn: Amy Borgstrom, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525. The Corporation informs people who may respond to this collection of information that they are not required to respond to the collection of information unless the OMB control number and expiration date displayed on page 1 are current and valid. (See 5 C.F.R. 1320.5(b)(2)(i).)

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C § 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you: The authority for collecting information from you in this application is contained in 42 U.S.C 12592 and 12615 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended, and 42 U.S.C 4953 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 as amended. You are advised that submission of the information is entirely voluntary, but the requested information is required in order for you to participate in AmeriCorps programs. The principal purpose for requesting this personal information is to process your application for acceptance into an AmeriCorps program, and for other general routine purposes associated with your participation in an AmeriCorps program. These routine purposes may include disclosure of the information to federal, state, or local agencies pursuant to lawfully authorized requests, to present and former employers, references provided by you in your application, and educational institutions, for the purpose of verifying the information provided by you in your application. The information may be shared with other agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, through computer matching agreements for the purpose of verifying identity and citizenship status information provided by you in your application. In some programs, the information may also be provided to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to determine the existence of any prior criminal convictions. The information may also be provided to appropriate federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department’s efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality or information maintained in this system of records, and the information disclosed is relevant and unnecessary for the assistance. The information will not otherwise be disclosed to entities outside of AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service without prior written permission.

I allow the AmeriCorps program to complete an NSOPW check and criminal background check

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Print Name: _____

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