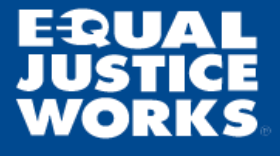


About the AmeriCorps JD Program



The Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps JD program provides law students with the opportunity to deliver critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the country. Supported by the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps JD program provides all types of civil legal assistance. Joining the AmeriCorps JD program is a great way to receive support for valuable direct service experience, which ultimately can lead to a public interest legal career.

For three decades Equal Justice Works has created opportunities for public interest lawyers committed to building a more just society. We believe that the poorest and most vulnerable among us deserve the same access to justice and quality legal representation as the privileged. To achieve this, we offer a continuum of opportunities for law students and lawyers that provide the training and skills that enable them to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes.



Funding

AmeriCorps JD participants receive an [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) of \$1,222 upon successful completion of the program. This award can be applied toward student loans or tuition, but please note that this award is not a cash stipend.

AmeriCorps JD Members must adhere to strict guidelines regarding outside funding. You may receive other money in addition to the AmeriCorps JD award in the form of a grant, stipend or living allowance of up to \$4,300 for your term of service, but it **may not** be earned as an hourly wage unless through Federal Work Study. Please note that there is no restriction on work outside of your term of service (i.e. part-time job) or outside funds you receive for activities **outside** of your service (i.e. general scholarship for law school).

If you are receiving funds through a [Federal Work Study Award](#), you can receive an hourly wage. **You must disclose this amount to Equal Justice Works** and, if applicable, ensure that the host organization reduces any additional payments so that the total amount you receive remains under this \$4,300 cap.

Securing a Position

Before applying to an AmeriCorps JD position review our [Five Easy Steps to Apply to AmeriCorps JD](#) and [download our Application Guide](#).

There are two steps you must take before completing an application:

1. Review the full eligibility requirements in the [AmeriCorps JD Application Guide](#) to ensure you are eligible.
2. Secure a position with a qualifying organization.

Equal Justice Works will not find a placement for you. For more information on organizations that are interested in hosting AmeriCorps JD Members [click here](#).

If searching for a host organization, [organizations working in 2015 priority areas](#) will provide applicants a starting place for potential host sites in their community. Equal Justice Works suggests looking at postings on [PSJD](#) or [Idealist](#), or directly contacting the organization's offices to ask if they need help for the fall, spring, or summer.

Confirm the name of your direct supervisor at the organization in order to complete the application.

Basic Eligibility

To participate in AmeriCorps JD:

- You must be a current law student at a qualifying institution;
- You must not receive compensation for more than \$4,300 for the same service;
- You must not receive school credit for the same service;
- You must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident (e.g. green card) and pass a criminal background check, including an FBI fingerprint check (though applicants are not disqualified for most criminal records).

Priority Areas

Equal Justice Works encourages AmeriCorps JD students to serve within its priority areas including **removing barriers to employment and housing, serving the legal needs of veterans, and providing disaster relief.**

Application Deadlines and Start Dates

The following application dates are for 2015-16, but generally stay within the same time frame every year:

TERM	DEADLINE
Fall Start:	October 30, 2015 Priority

Winter Start: February 29, 2016 Priority
Summer Start: April 15, 2016 Priority
June 3, 2016 Last Call for Applications

Any More Questions?

If you have any questions about the AmeriCorps JD Program, please see the [AmeriCorps JD Program FAQ](#) or email americorpsjd@equaljusticeworks.org.

To start an application, go to <https://info.equaljusticeworks.org/summercorps/login.asp>.