LifeLong’s AmeriCorps Health Fellowship Program

Overview of the Program

Background

AmeriCorps is the national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service in the five priority areas of education, public safety, environment, homeland security, and other human needs. AmeriCorps service gives it members the opportunity to impact change in underserved communities, gain valuable life experience, and take steps toward their own future goals.

Mission & Vision

LifeLong’s AmeriCorps program mission is to become pipeline for careers in community health centers that is improving access to primary and preventative care services for the medically underserved communities that we serve.

Belief

AmeriCorps Health Fellows are an asset to communities by bridging healthcare and national service. The power of AmeriCorps provides the tools and resources to impact the lives of many. AmeriCorps is a stepping stone to a brighter future not only for the individual who serves but to the communities they serve. The AmeriCorps program provides a continuous avenue of professional development and personal growth.
Program Benefits

Living Allowance

Fellows receive a living allowance stipend (taxable) during their term of service. The modest living stipend is meant to assist Fellows with their living expenses during their term of service. The living allowance for full-time Fellows in the 2017-18 program year is $13,000. LifeLong Medical Care matches a higher living allowance, totaling $16,660.

Health Insurance

LifeLong Medical Care provides, or makes available, healthcare insurance to Fellows if they are not otherwise covered by a healthcare policy at the time they begin the term of service. LifeLong Medical Care allows Fellows to stay on a parents’ or spouse’s plan; helps Fellows obtain insurance through Covered California; or ensures that Fellows receive Medi-Cal, Medicare or military health benefits.

Loan Forbearance

Fellows are eligible to postpone the repayment of their qualified student loans for the length of their service term through an action called loan forbearance. The loan holder makes the determination if a loan is eligible for forbearance, but generally, most federally-guaranteed student loans qualify.

While Fellows’ loans are in forbearance during the term of service, interest continues to accrue. However, if Fellows successfully complete their term of service, they are eligible to have the National Service Trust pay all or a portion of the interest that accrued on qualified student loans in that were placed in forbearance during the service term.

Child Care Benefits Program

Fellows may be eligible to receive a child care benefit to pay all or part of their child care costs. These child care benefit payments are made directly to qualified child care providers for child care services provided to eligible children on behalf of eligible Fellows who need child care services after the Fellow’s term of service with program begins.
Serve a Year

Positions/Activities

The AmeriCorps Health Fellow will serving side-by-side with health center staff, you have the opportunity to be of service to your community and to learn about health careers. Fellow will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate health education, outreach, referrals and enrollment into

Meet Like-Minded Peers

You will get to serve alongside other service-minded peers who seek to strengthen our communities. Further, you will join a network of nearly 1,000,000 AmeriCorps Alum, who can link you to resources and job opportunities following your AmeriCorps service.

Education Award

Following your successful completion of your AmeriCorps term of service, you will become eligible to earn the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. This can be applied to existing student loans or to future education endeavors. The amount of the award for AmeriCorps Health Fellows enrolled in the 2017-18 program year is $5,815. The award can be used for up to seven years after the date that Fellows complete their service term. The award is considered taxable income in the year that is utilized.

Many colleges and universities value AmeriCorps Alums for their commitment to full-time service and the experience and skills gained as an AmeriCorps Member. These institutions offer various scholarships and incentives for alums, such as matching tuition funding to the Segal Education Award. To see a complete list of matching institutions and the benefits each offers, click here.
programs directly to community members while getting the skills they need to pursue a health profession.

Health Fellow position will compose of:

- Health Education
- Health Coaching
- Care Coordination
- Case Management
- Patient Navigation
- Community Engagement & Outreach

Health Fellow activities will include

- **Improve Utilization of Health Services and Programs**: Provide health education in one-on-one or group settings; assist individuals with navigating health-related services/programs; transportation assistance; provide positive reinforcement of treatment plans and prevention goals; follow-up as needed.
- **Enrollment**: Assist individuals with the enrollment process for health programs and health insurance plans.
- **Outreach and Advocacy**: Conduct outreach in the community (i.e., schools, community centers, events, and shelters); provide education about available health resources and related programs, and health care options.
- **Volunteer Recruitment and Volunteer Training/Management**: Assist with recruitment, training, and retention of non-AmeriCorps volunteers; assist with the management of non-AmeriCorps volunteers.
- **Service Projects**: Participate in various community service projects; coordinate and engage members in planning and participating in community service projects.
- **On-going Training**: On health skills and resources as needed for placement, plus professional development training as available.

Why Serve with LifeLong Medical Care?

Our AmeriCorps program is community service and professional development opportunity wrapped into one, this experience enables you to do great things for communities in need while getting in-person training and exposure in the health care field.

By serving with us, you would:

Experience working with diverse populations

- Learn specific transferable skills in the community healthcare field and primary care environment
- Become a strong leader by addressing health issues
• Gain insight in serving in non-profit, federally qualified health center settings
• Plan large-scale events (e.g. AmeriCorps Week) and service projects
• Gain personal satisfaction of taking on challenges and seeing results
• Making lifelong friends with a common interest in health and community service

Recruitment Information

The application for the 2017-2018 Program Year will begin on Friday, July 14, 2017. All applications are due by Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 5pm.

The Service Start Date will be Monday, September 18, 2017.

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Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

How To Apply

We are currently recruiting for our 2017-2018 program year and will be filling 20 positions.

Term of Service

Members serve a minimum of 1,700 service hours over a 10 to 12 month period.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be 18 years of age, or at least 17 years old with the signature of a legal guardian. Applicants must have a high school diploma, GED or commitment to obtain during their service year. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident. Must pass extensive background check.
- Applicants must make a strong commitment to service, respect and interest in working in medically underserved communities, and demonstrate abilities to work with diverse populations.
- The ideal candidate is someone who is passionate about health equity and social justice, and anyone who is considering public health, medicine, social work, and mental/behavioral health for their higher education/career goals.

LifeLong Medical Care seeks to promote a culture of diversity during the service experience for all Members. Persons of all abilities, races, sexual orientations, religious affiliations, cultural backgrounds and education levels are encouraged to apply.

Application Process

1. Register on My AmeriCorps

   Click here to create your own personal My AmeriCorps account. My AmeriCorps is an online system designed to help members manage their AmeriCorps experience. It provides an easy way for individuals to get and give important information such as view the status of their AmeriCorps application, update profile information and references, search for opportunities of interest, and submit completed applications.

2. Submit Your Completed My AmeriCorps Application

   Submit your completed My AmeriCorps application via your My AmeriCorps account to “LifeLong Medical Care/East Bay Area.” We will access your application through the My AmeriCorps portal and you will be notified when it is under review.
3. **Submit and Completed Our Supplemental Application and Resume**

   [Click here](#) to access LifeLong Medical Care’s online AmeriCorps Supplemental Application. Complete all required fields in the Supplemental Application, and upload your personal statements and resume in the link above.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Bilan Jirde, Program Manager of AmeriCorps, at bjirde@lifelongmedical.org or by phone at 510-981-4185.