

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Join United Way of Greenville County's AmeriCorps Upstate program and fight poverty while gaining valuable professional experience, training and education benefits. Commit to a year of national service and not only will you help your country and community, but you'll also gain career experience, education credits, living allowance, health insurance and more!

For more information, visit americorpsupstate.org

# **GO PRO**

- Gain real-world professional experience to build your resume.
- Connect to a network of employers who choose candidates with national service experience.
- Become a mentor and coach to those in need; utilizing the evidence-based EMPath Mobility Mentoring<sup>®</sup> model.
- Support participants as they strive to meet multi-faceted long-term goals for life improvement.
- Overcome barriers by providing crisis assistance and connections to community resources.
- Get certified through United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax preparation services.

# WHY WE NEED YOU

Our community is growing rapidly and is recognized with many accolades, but that has not translated to improved conditions for marginalized and disconnected communities. High unemployment and poverty rates contribute to food and housing crises compounded by systems that keep people from reaching economic independence. Our team members serve in partner organizations to overcome barriers, improve access, and create vibrant and equitable communities.

# BYE, SCHOOL DEBT. HELLO, HEALTH INSURANCE.

Members receive a \$6,495 education award at the end of the service year, matched by 180 colleges and universities, to use toward tuition or paying back existing student loans, plus these great benefits:

- Living Allowance \$760 bi-weekly
- Health Insurance including dental and vision
- · Child Care Assistance

# FIGHT POVERTY. FIND YOUR PATH.





# **AmeriCorps Upstate**

#### SERVICE POSITION DETAILS

<u>Fight poverty and find your path</u> on our team of 20 AmeriCorps members in Upstate South Carolina. Our team will serve full-time for 11 months at host organizations in Greenville, Laurens, Pickens and Anderson counties. Our next cohort will begin August 22, 2022, and will serve 1,700 hours by July 31, 2023.



This is a great opportunity for recent graduates, veterans, retirees or anyone interested in a career in the nonprofit field. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our Corps and strongly encourage qualified individuals of all backgrounds to apply.

#### **Service Activities**

Mobility Mentoring® is a proven method of economic mobility coaching informed by brain science. Moving out of poverty is a complex, multi-year process that requires families to juggle maintaining their health, taking care of their kids, managing their money, gaining post-secondary education or credentials, and moving into a family-sustaining career—all at once. EMPath created Mobility Mentoring® to provide comprehensive support to families—across all the domains of their lives. Our team will provide the following services to community members:

- Assessment of current situation and barriers to success
- Personalized coaching to help participants define and reach long-term life goals
- Positive reinforcement and recognition as participants reach milestones
- Crisis management and resource navigation to overcome barriers to goals
- Connection to social capital resources and support networks
- Free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

#### **Benefits of a Service Year**

- Members are eligible for \$760 bi-weekly living allowance, health coverage benefits (dental and vision included, no premiums), a member assistance program, <u>childcare benefits</u>, and federal student loan forbearance during their term.
- Upon successful completion of a service term, members are eligible for payment of accrued interest on eligible federal loans, and a \$6,495 Segal education award toward continued education or student loan repayment.
- All members are provided with mileage reimbursement, skill building opportunities and robust monthly professional development trainings.

### **Expectations**

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent,
  two years college or work experience preferred
- Clear the National Service Criminal History Check
- Be at least 18 years old at start of service
- Submit time sheets weekly
- Earn advanced IRS certification for VITA

- Be able to use a computer and Microsoft Office
- Work some weekday evenings and Saturday mornings during tax season (January-April)
- Some travel for meetings required (~10-30% based on position)
- Be a U.S. Citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien

## Want to apply?

Complete an application on the national website and submit to our program here: tinyurl.com/applyamericorpsupstate

To learn more about our program and find answers to FAQs, visit our website <u>americorpsupstate.org</u> or reach out to Sky Brilliandt, Program Coordinator, <u>sbrilliandt@unitedwaygc.org</u>.