

Motivating healthy lifestyles.
Growing leaders.
Inspiring success.

COACH FOR AMERICA

Coach for America (CFA), a proud member of AmeriCorps, is the first nationwide effort to mobilize highly trained Corps Members (CMs) as Sports Based Youth Development (SBYD) experts and coaches. CMs will serve, teach and support under-resourced youth and the youth development organizations that provide valuable programming in their vulnerable communities and come together from diverse backgrounds for a demanding youth coaching experience. Through the proven methods of intentional sports and service learning programming, CMs invest their talents and energy to address the most pressing needs of our nation's young people: childhood obesity, academic failure and anti-social behavior.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

This is your year. The year you've been waiting for. Sport has always been there for you. It has hurdled you through the tough times; it has been the catalyst for some of your best; it has taught you hard and fast lessons and diligence; it has refined your character and made you realize the value of a good sweat. It revealed that sometimes the best practices have nothing to do with the ball or field or the plays you worked so hard to master. Like your teammates and your coach, sport has changed your life. And now, it's your turn to lead the team. Your time to coach.

During your year of service, you will be assigned **American Youth Table Tennis**, a community based SBYD organization which organizes, develops, and implements innovative programs in the international sport of Table Tennis that promote the emotional and physical well-being of inner-city youth. While working with **American Youth Table Tennis** your primary role will be as **Head or Assistant coach** of a youth sports team. However, no day will ever be the same and you can expect to wear many different hats and will acquire various, exciting skill-sets during your service year. Some of the roles might include:

- *Program Assistant* – planning new or improving upon existing programming through design, outreach, structure and management.
- *Health and Nutrition Leader* – training youth and parents on the benefits of proper eating, exercise, hydration and other issues that affect youth on the playing field and in the classroom.
- *Camp Coordinator* – leading off-season and non-traditional sport and service learning camps on weekends, summer, winter, and spring breaks; a time when student-athletes are often unengaged.
- *Assistant Event Planner* – making the tournament of your dreams a reality; you will see, hands-on, what it takes to pull off one of these special events.
- *Volunteer Recruiter* – inviting participation from your community and learning the skills needed to entice, empower, train, entertain and engage long-term volunteers who can make an impact far deeper than your service-year alone.
- *Service Learning Facilitator* – discovering that you can make a difference in your world through action is a powerful lesson and you will be the teacher.
- *Referee* – strap on your whistle and review your rulebook, you might just be the one making the calls and using each mistake as a moment of learning.

During your year of service you will receive comprehensive and on-going training from experts in the field of SBYD programming and will become certified as a Sports Based Youth Development Coach. This certification will not only

POSITION TYPE: MINIMUM-TIME
300 Hours

LIVING ALLOWANCE: \$2,053.00*

SERVICE FOCUS: CHILDREN,
YOUTH,
SPORT COACHING

EDUCATION AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

STIPEND? YES

HEALTHCARE? NO

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE? NO

*The LIVING ALLOWANCE is not a salary; is taxed; is distributed in even amounts (not connected to the number of hours worked per pay period); will be paid at least twice monthly at the normal interval of the Host-site.

enable you greater efficacy in your role as a CFA coach, but it will also make you more marketable for the job of your dreams upon completion of your service year.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- **\$1,000.00** education award (for members who complete **300 hours** of service)
- Uniform
- Training
- Modest weekly stipend
- Student loan forbearance (on qualifying student loans)
- Health insurance (for all Full-time members)
- Access to a large network of SBYD organizations for future career development and networking
- Leadership skills
- Child care allowance (for qualified members)
- Vacation and sick time

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- United States citizen or permanent resident alien
- Ability to commit to **300 hours** of service (to be completed within 12-months)
- A high school degree and/or college degree (preferred)
- At least three years of experience in at least one sport (coaching experience preferred)
- A strong interest in service-learning
- A commitment to sports as a tool for youth development
- A strong sense of civic engagement
- Previous experience volunteering in a youth development framework
- A desire to consider a career in coaching youth and/or working in a SBYD program
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills among diverse constituents
- A commitment to community building and volunteer engagement
- Bravery and integrity
- A sense of humor and patience
- A commitment to improving conditions and providing opportunities for all youth
- Your participation may be limited if you previously served with AmeriCorps**

The ideal corps member has a strong desire to serve the community and a commitment to diversity, self-development and teamwork. You must be able to complete a minimum of **300 hours** of service in 12- months to participate.

Make this your year. To apply:

1. To apply to be an AmeriCorps member, you will need to create an account with the AmeriCorps Recruitment System / My AmeriCorps (go to): <https://my3.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>
2. Click on "Apply to Serve" at the bottom of the page.
3. Complete the requested profile information. (You will need a Social Security number and valid address, telephone number, and email.)
4. Once you receive your account information via email, log into the MyAmeriCorps.gov portal and use the navigation pane on the left to complete your application and reference information
5. When your application is complete, click "Search Listings"
6. Type **Coach For America** into the Program Name field (ignore all the other fields)
7. Click "Search"
8. Click the listing of the Host-Site you wish to apply to, in order to view program information
9. Read the program information and then click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

For more information, please visit our web site www.aytto.org.

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Coach For America is available to all, without regard to race, color, origin, gender, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, or religion.

** Served no more than one previous AmeriCorps*State/National term; no more than two previous AmeriCorps terms