

## PEER REVIEWER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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**Time Burden**: The time required to complete this collection of information is estimated to average 40 minutes per applicant, including the time to review instructions; gather the data needed; and complete and review the information collection.

**Use of Information**: The information collected constitutes an application to the Corporation to serve as grant reviewer or panel facilitator. The Corporation reviews each application, determines the applicant eligibility, and selects peer reviewers and panel facilitator based on criteria for reviewers identify for each program.

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#### Overview

Please use the following applications instructions and form if you are a peer review or panel facilitator applicant. The Corporation uses this information in selecting peer reviewers and panel facilitators. We also use this information to create grant application review panels.

You must submit your application via eGrants, the Corporation's integrated, secure, webbased system for applications. Applications submitted by fax or email will not be accepted. We suggest you have your resume available electronically to copy and paste into the electronic application. Once your application is submitted, we will review the information and determine if your experiences align with a specific review.

Reviewers should have experience as one or more of the following: practitioners, educators, administrator/manager, analyst, researcher, evaluator, or volunteer. Reviewers should demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following areas: volunteer management, education, literacy and tutoring, human services, nonprofit management, homeland security, public safety, environment, or national service. Reviewers and facilitators are selected based upon these criteria, their experience, content area expertise and familiarity with national service.

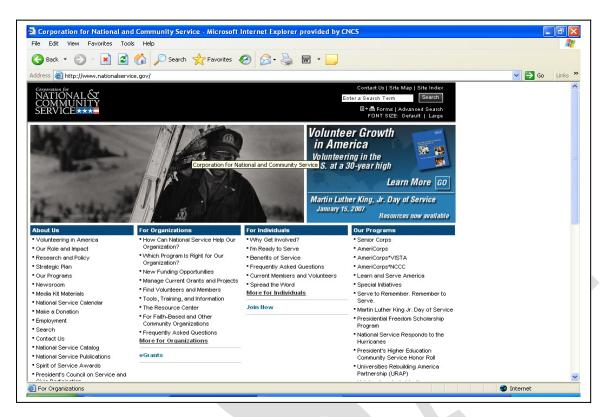
The application process and form contains eight areas for you to complete. \_These are: Login Information, Personal Profile, Contact Information, Availability, Education/Job History, Expertise, Skills/ Experience, and Affiliations.

In order to submit your application, access eGrants through the website: <a href="http://www.nationalservice.gov">http://www.nationalservice.gov</a> and follow the eGrants link. Applications instructions are available at: <a href="http://www.nationalservice.gov.for\_individuals">www.nationalservice.gov.for\_individuals</a> or by contacting the Corporation at 202-606-6886. The system will ask you to create an account with a username and password. This will allow you to revisit the application to make edits, or to update your information and resubmit when it changes.

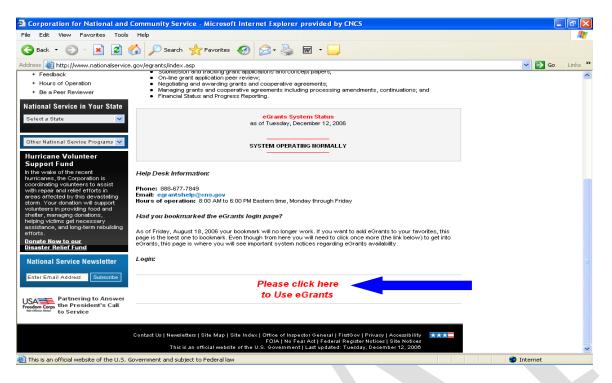
Note: if you experience difficulty in completing the application, you may contact the eGrants Help Desk by phone at 1-888-677-7849 Monday-Friday, between 8:00 AM and 68:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Standard Time (closed on Federal Holidays). \_You can also contact the Help Desk by email at eGrantsHelp@cns.gov. \_The informational messages displayed by the system may be helpful to the Help Desk in resolving the problem.

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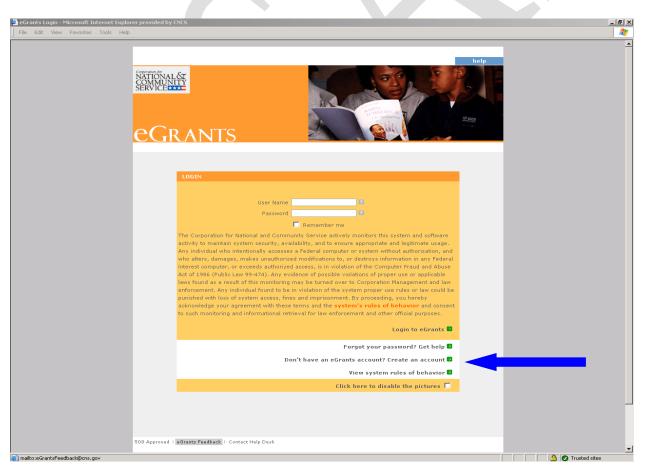
Access eGrants through the website <u>http://www.nationalservice.gov</u> and click on "<u>eGrants</u>" or follow this link: <u>https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp</u> to start the application process (if this does not work, copy and paste the link into your browser's address box.)



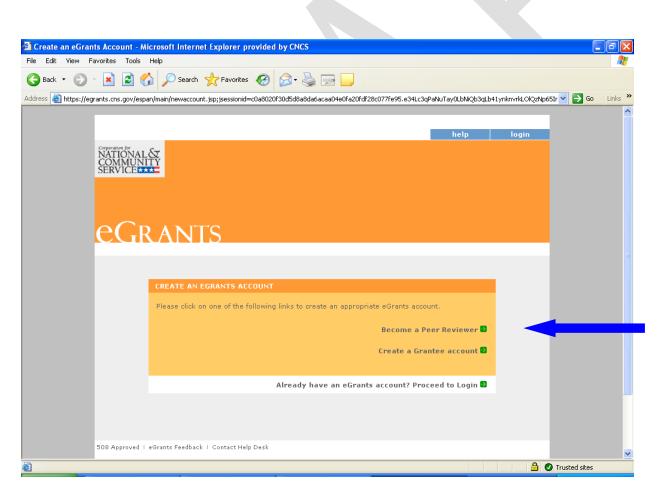
On the next page, click on "Please click here to Use eGrants":



If you do not have an account, <u>click</u> on "Don't have an eGrants account? \_Create an account".



Click on "Become a Peer Reviewer".



Click on "Become a Peer Reviewer" again and enter your login information.

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#### **Login Information**

Enter your login information. All questions marked with asterisk (\*) are required to be answered. Create your own User Name and Password. \_The Password must be at least seven (7) characters in length, must include at least one (1) number, but may not begin with a number, cannot contain any part of your account name, cannot contain any word from the English language, and may not contain any non-alphanumeric character (such as, @, !, \$, #, %, &). \_Note that a valid email address is required in order to complete the application).

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#### **Personal Profile**

Please enter you personal profile information. If you were "Referred to eGrants" by another person, announcement, or ad, please let us know. Include any special accommodations you may require as a peer reviewer. When the information is complete, click *save* and then click on the *next* button to take you to **Contact Information**.

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#### **Contact Information**

Enter your Address Information. At least one complete address is required. \_The four-digit extension of the zip code and additional addresses are optional.

Your social security number can only be entered when you are assigned to a grant application review. Once you are assigned to a review, the field will become operative, and then you will need to enter that information to receive payment from the Corporation.

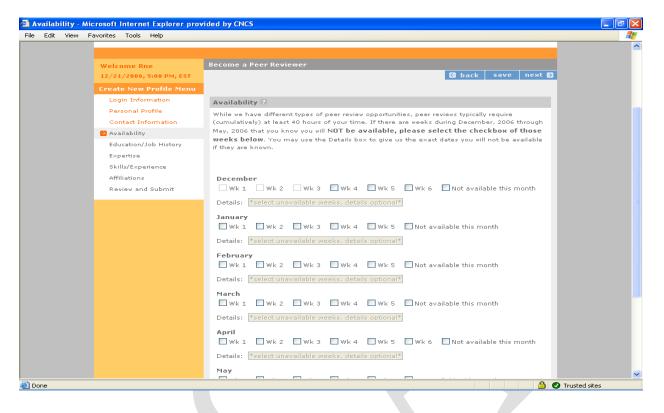
We are asking for alternate addresses in the event we have to send you something on short notice by Fed<u>eral Express</u>. \_The Address Types are: <u>Mail</u> where you want Corporation Correspondence sent. \_This includes the street and/or P.O. Box. <u>Federal Express</u> will not deliver to a P.O. Box. Include a non-P.O. Box address where Federal Express packages can be delivered. <u>Saturday Delivery</u> is the address we use if you want overnight packages delivered on a Saturday. \_This cannot be a P.O. Box address. Under Address Location, indicate if this is the address where you are during the day, during the evening, or other time. Click the radio button labeled "*Preferred Address?*" \_if this is where you want Corporation correspondence sent. Check the box for "**Overnight Address?**" \_if the address can be used for overnight deliveries. \_Click on "*Add additional addresses*" to enter additional addresses. For example, your Fed<u>eral Express</u> address is different from your mailing address.

Make sure you fill in all of the fields with the red asterisks (\*). These are required fields and must be entered before advancing to the next page. Do not forget to click "*Save*" before you advance to the next page. Once complete, move on to the **Availability** page.

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#### Peer Reviewer Application Instructions Availability

Use this page to let us know what weeks you are **not** available to participate in a review.



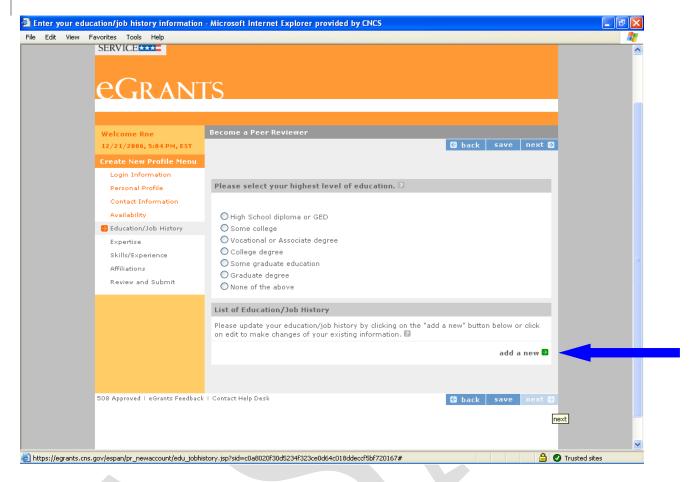
#### **Education/Job History**

Select your highest level of education. Once you <u>have selected your highest level of education, you can paste education experiences as well as job related information copied from your resume by clicking on the "add a new" link and filling in the boxes on that page. Please identify all the experience that is relevant to reviewing national service applications. Complete as many boxes as you think will adequately represent your relevant experience. You should include positions as far back as you feel is relevant, however, please complete the boxes in chronological order beginning from most recent and ending with furthest back. Leave End Date blank if this is your current job or school. We will only place Reviewers on panels if relevant experience is identified in your resume.</u>

These experiences can be professional or volunteer, but please list the amount of time and the highest position you held in each one. Please devote at least one box to your formal education or certifications.

For each job or narrative, please select the top four experiences you had while on this job or experience. The list of experiences is available in four drop down boxes below the narrative box. You can select up to four experiences for each job.

List your complete College/Job history beginning with the present. \_Leave End Date blankif this is your current job or school.



To edit a particular item, click on *view/edit* and change the details. Please provide a brief narrative of your duties and responsibilities for each entry made for employment, and <u>the</u> degree or field of study for each college listed. Be sure to include specific job responsibilities (not just job titles). <u>Please identify Especially</u> those <u>responsibilities</u> related to the Area of Expertise.

Select the **Organization Type** from the drop-down <u>menu whichmenu that</u> most closely corresponds. \_After completing, click on **Submit**. You may add as many job/education positions as you wish, by clicking the **add a new** button. Do not forget to click "**Save**" before you advance to the next page.

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From the drop down menu, please select the type of expertise associated with this job or position. TheSelect the type of expertise you have in areas such as Disaster Preparedness, Education, Environment, and Human Services by clicking on the four drop down buttons at the bottom of the page. *"view/edit"* link next to each area of expertise. This will lead you to a page with a list of options as a volunteer and/or as a professional. Select all areas of expertise that apply including the number of years of experience in each. Do not forget to click "Save & Close" before you advance to the next page. It is important to check only those areas of expertise that are reflected in your resume.

Below is the list of expertise that you have to select from in each drop down menu.				
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1. Adult Education & Literacy	17. Youth Programming			
2. After School Programs				
3. Civic Education	Public Safety			
4. Community-Based	1. Community Policing/Neighborhood Watch			
5. Computer Literacy	2. Conflict Resolution/Mediation			
<u>6. Education (Higher Ed)</u>	3. Safety/Fire Prevention/Accident Prevention			
7. Education (K-12)	4. Victim/Witness Assistance			
8. Elementary Education	5. Homeland Security			
9. Faculty/Teacher professional development	<u>6. Public Safety</u>			
<u>10. Federal Work Study</u>	7. Public Health			
<u>11. Head Start/School Preparedness</u>	8. Disaster Preparedness			
12. Professional Education	9. Disaster Mitigation/Response/Recovery			
13. Secondary Education				
14. Service-Learning	<b>Environment</b>			
<u>15. Special Education</u>	<u>1. Community Restoration/Clean Up</u>			
16. Tutoring & Child Literacy – Elementary	2. Clean Energy Experience			
<u> 17. Tutoring &amp; Child Literacy – High School</u>	3. Energy Conservation			
<u>18. Tutoring &amp; Childe Literacy – Middle School</u>	4. Natural Resources Management			
	5. Waste Reduction/Management/Recycling			
Human Services	<u>6. Wildlife, Land, Vegetation</u>			
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Ownership	<u>Management</u>			
2. Collaboration/Partnership Development	<u>1. Business Management</u>			
3. Community Revitalization	2. Capacity-Building/Sustainability			
4. Delivery of Health Services	<u>3. Evaluation</u>			
<u>5. Disabilities</u>	<u>4. Nonprofit Management</u>			
<u>6. HIV/AIDS</u>	5. Performance Measurement/Accountability			
7. Health Education	6. Program Management			
8. Health and Human Services	7. Public Administration			
<u>9. Homelessness</u>	8. Volunteer Recruitment and Management			
10. Housing Rehabilitation/Construction				
<u>11. Mental Health</u>	<u>Other</u>			
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<u>13. Mentoring</u>	2. Service Practitioner			
<u>14. Substance Abuse</u>	3. Senior Service			
15. Workforce Development and Training	<u>4. National Policy</u>			
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- 5. Faith-Based
- 6. Military Service
- 7. Veteran's Support Services
- 8. Senior Citizen Programming
- 9. Tribal Programming

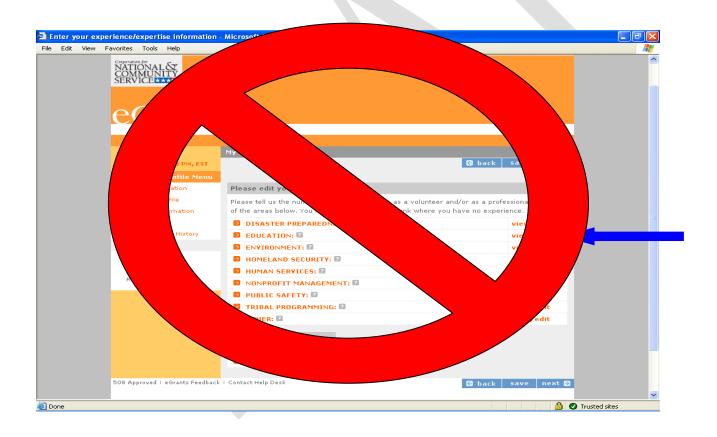
#### **CNCS Programs**

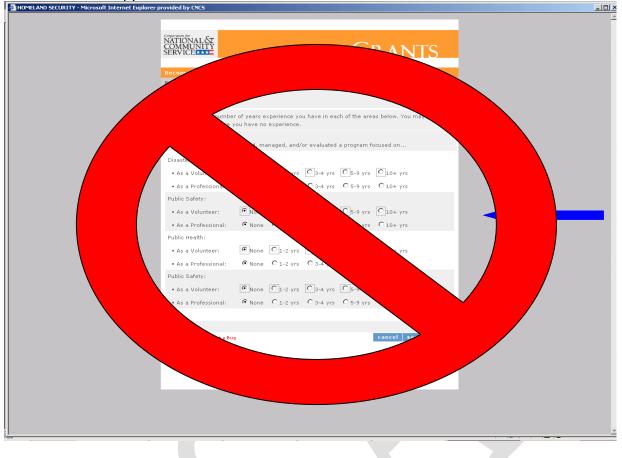
- <u>1. Collaborated or partnered with one or more</u> <u>service programs</u>
- 2. Managed a service program funded by CNCS
- <u>3. Managed a service program funded by a</u> <u>non-governmental organization</u>
- 4. Managed a service program funded by a state or local government agency
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- 5. Managed a service-learning program
- <u>6. Participated in a service or service-learning</u> program

#### **Facilitator/Reviewer**

- 1. CNCS Peer Review
- 2. Experience as a facilitator of small groups
- 3. Experience as facilitator synthesizing reviewer comments on proposals
- 4. Peer reviewer for a private foundation
- 5. Peer reviewer for a state or municipal agency
- 6. Peer reviewer for another federal agency
- 7. Staff reviewer (i.e. Program Officer) for a grant making organization



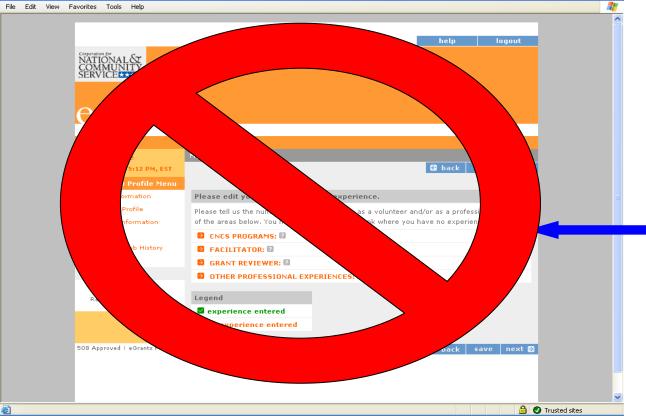


#### Skills/Experience

Select the type of skills and or experiences you have with CNCS programs, as facilitators, as grant reviewer, and other related areas by clicking on the "view/edit" link next to each category. This will lead you to a page with a list of options as a volunteer and as a professional. Select all areas that apply to you including the number of years of experience in each. As you edit, do not forget to click "*Save & Close*" before you advance to the next page.

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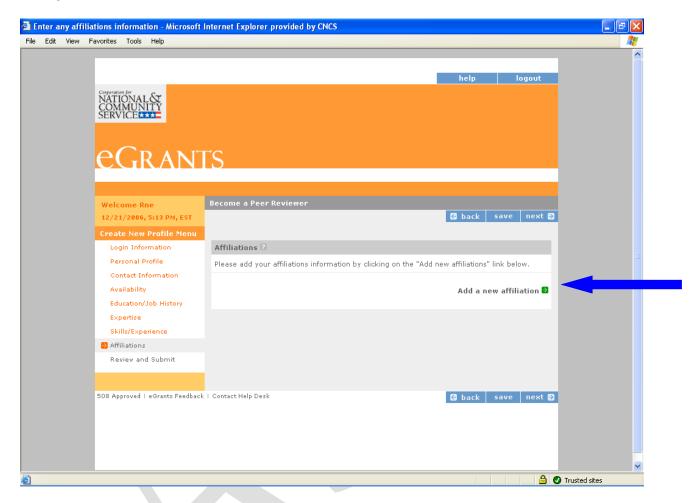
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#### Affiliations

Please enter any organizations that you are affiliated with but have not worked for or that are not included in your Education/Job History page. These may include serving as a board member, places you <u>have volunteered</u>, etc. Add your affiliations information by clicking on the "*Add a new affiliation*" link.



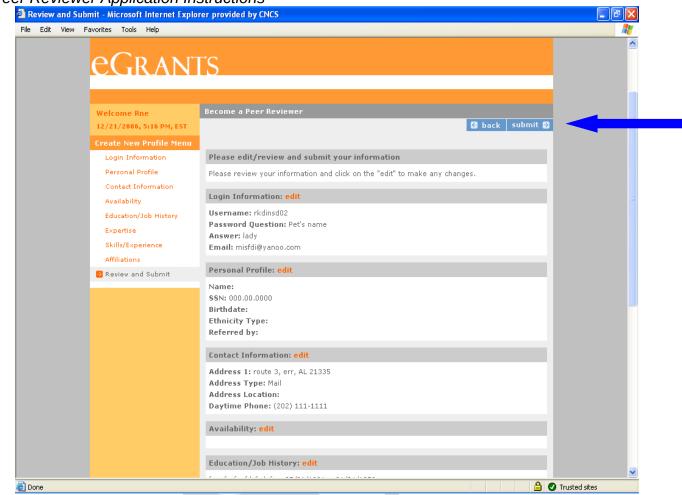
If you are aware that the organization received <u>CNCS</u>-<u>Corporation</u> funds, complete the second question.

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#### **Review and Submit**

Please review and edit all of the information that you entered as summarized. When complete, click on the "*submit*" button.



As soon as you submit your applications you will receive a thank you note. *"Thank you for your interest in becoming a peer reviewer for The Corporation for National and Community Service...."* We look forward to working with you.



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