

Changes to the AmeriCorps Paper Application

Page 1

- Added: Preferred Name
- Added: Citizenship Disclaimer.

*Citizens of the US include persons born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Nationals of the US include persons born in America Samoa, including Swains Island. **Generally, you are a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the US if you are a US permanent resident with (i) a Permanent Resident Card, INS Form I-551; (ii) an Alien Registration Receipt Card, INS Form I-551, (iii) a passport indicating that the INS has approved it as temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence; or (iv) a Departure Record (INS Form I-94) indicating that the INS has approved it as temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence. NOTE: A student visa does not confer eligibility to enroll in an AmeriCorps program."

- Added: Latest Date Available.
- Changed Emergency Contact/Permanent Address to Permanent address in Question 8.

Page 2:

- Changed the following in Question 12.
 - Some high school to less than high school
 - High School diploma or GED to high School Diploma
 - Associate's Degree to Associate's Degree (AA)
 - Bachelor's Degree to College Graduate
- Added the following to Question 12:
 - Added GED
 - Added Some Graduate School
 - Added Professional Degree (Medical, Law)

Page 3:

- Changed Questions 14's directions to:

Please provide a description of why you volunteer. Describe how you have reached out to help others and/or how you have been involved in your own community. Please explain why you serve or get involved and what you have learned through your community service activities. Think in broad terms. Your involvement could include serving in the neighborhood; school; faith, social, or professional groups. (200 characters maximum)

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- Change Question 15's directions to

We would like to understand more about you and your reasons for applying to AmeriCorps. Please share with us why you would like to serve with the AmeriCorps program. If you need additional space, attach a separate piece of paper and limit your total response to 500 words.

Page 5:

- Changed Question 17's directions from "Explain any period of time greater.." to "Please explain any gap in employment greater.."
- Added the following to Question 18:
 - Environment
 - Non-Profit Management
 - Social Services
 - Urban Planning
 - Disaster Services

- o Veterans
- o Teamwork

Page 6:

- Changed Question 19 to:

What is your primary language? _____

Do you speak another language? Yes No

- Added Question: List all current certificates along with their expiration dates. Example: EMT- Expires 12/31/2012
- Changed Question 21: Do you have a valid government issued driver's license?

Page 7:

- Changed the explanation on the page to the following:

The AmeriCorps application process requires a criminal history check to ensure that community members with whom we work are protected, particularly children, individuals with disabilities, and individuals over 60 years old.

We are investigating for past sexual offenses and violent crimes, or crimes that would have a direct bearing on your service. This background check will entail our search of the National Sex Offenders Registry may include a Statewide criminal history repository check and/or an FBI criminal history check, which will require you to submit fingerprints.

You will not be permitted to serve or work with children, individuals with disabilities, or individuals over 60 years of age, without supervision until the history check is complete and you are cleared. The review process is not lengthy, and normally is completed within weeks.

Answer the following questions fully. Existence of a criminal conviction or juvenile adjudication may or may not, depending on the circumstances, disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission is grounds for disqualification.

- Changed question 22 to "Have you ever been convicted as an adult, or adjudicated as a juvenile offender, of at least one criminal offense by either a civilian or military court?"

Page 8:

- Changed Privacy act notice

Page 9 and 12:

- Made the sentence "You should not ask.." bold.

Page 15:

- Added the following checkboxes to the question "How did you hear about AmeriCorps?"
 - o Social Media
- Removed the following checkboxes from the question "How did you hear about AmeriCorps?"
 - o Listserv
 - o Newspaper/Magazine Advertisement
 - o Television Advertisement
 - o Department of Education
 - o Peace Corps
 - o Television News Story
- Added the following question

Have you previously served with an AmeriCorps program? Check all that apply:

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