

Make a difference and serve your community!

United Ways of Iowa is searching for passionate, dedicated community members to serve as Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps members in schools throughout the state of Iowa.

Whether you're looking to explore a new career in education, re-enter the workforce, or simply want to make a difference and work with kids, you can make a positive impact by serving nine to eleven months as a full or half-time AmeriCorps member with Iowa Reading Corps.

The Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program trains members to serve as Elementary Literacy Tutors in schools across Iowa. As a tutor, you will be trained to implement research-based strategies, monitor progress, and help children believe in themselves and succeed—all while building your own skills and professional network. Iowa Reading Corps is a replication of the successful Minnesota Reading Corps model and has seen real results in helping catch students up to their grade-level peers in reading.

During your term of AmeriCorps service, you'll receive extensive training, support and general professional development opportunities. In addition, you will receive a living allowance of \$569 every other week (before taxes), a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$5,775 to pay for college expenses or to repay qualified student loans, health insurance, and child care benefits (if eligible). Members will begin their term of service in early November.

Elementary Literacy Tutors work one-on-one with K-3 children who need help learning to read. They use prescribed literacy interventions and conduct weekly progress monitoring to ensure their students are on track to read at grade level by the end of third grade. They commit to daytime hours that often extend beyond the typical school day and serve at one school for the duration of their term of service. During the summer months, members will participate in summer tutoring and enrichment programs, Summer Feeding Service Programs that include a literacy focus, and/or summer reading programs at local libraries.

Qualifications

- Strong interest in education, specifically helping young children practice reading skills
- Experience working with children, preferably as a literacy tutor
- Dedication to community service
- Computer skills, including the ability to navigate and use online database systems and e-mail
- Speak, read, and write English fluently
- Organized, responsible, flexible, motivated, professional
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to accept and incorporate constructive feedback from coaches and program staff
- Ability to take initiative and work independently
- Ability to commit to 9 - 11 months of service
- High school diploma or GED and must be at least 18-years-old
- As per federal AmeriCorps regulations, members must be a U.S. Citizen or lawful Permanent Resident Alien
- Successfully pass a heightened, three-part background check

How do I apply? Submit an application and review additional program information at <http://bit.ly/2edCfkV>. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Submit your application today!

Questions? Contact Monica de Melo Dreasher, Iowa Reading Corps AmeriCorps Program Manager at MDreasher.IRC@gmail.com.