

## ***New Funding Opportunity for Students Engaged In Service***

Are you a student who cares about service and is willing to put your passion into action? Student Life and Learning and the LEAD IU program are hosting [AmeriCorps](#) positions during the 2012-2013 academic year. After completing 300 hours of community service and leadership training, members will receive a \$1,132 Education Award to apply towards current or future educational expenses. For more information, email [acorps@indiana.edu](mailto:acorps@indiana.edu). This program is graciously supported through Indiana Campus Compact.

**Application deadline is Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Please review the requirements below prior to applying.**

### **WHO CAN APPLY:**

- ✓ Currently enrolled IU Bloomington undergraduate students
- ✓ Preference will be given to:
  - Members of registered student organizations.
  - Students who can demonstrate previous volunteer experiences.
  - Students who can complete 10 hours per week of service and leadership training starting September 2012.
  - Work-Study students in community service positions and students completing internships with local non-profits are encouraged to apply.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Minimum of **10 hours per week** at a local service agency
2. Bi-weekly one-hour training with Student Life and Learning staff
3. Complete a minimum of **300 hours total** of service

### **OPTIONS TO COMPLETE THE 300 HOURS:**

- ✓ AmeriCorps members will complete the majority of the 300 hours with one agency. Participants can also accrue hours through:
  - A service-learning course
  - Volunteering at service events
  - Attending leadership retreats, workshops, or conferences
  - Domestic service trips (winter, spring break, or summer)
  - Fundraising for charity
  - Providing support for civic engagement-related programming through Student Activities

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## LEAD IU AmeriCorps Application, 2012-2013

*Students who are confident that they meet the above requirements for participation in the LEAD IU AmeriCorps program are encouraged to complete the application questions below. As you do so, please reflect on your ability to commit fully to this national service program in addition to your academic responsibilities as a student.*

Name:

Year in School:

Major:

GPA:

Email:

Phone #:

Permanent Address:

Local Address:

1. List your current and previous involvement with civic engagement activities (e.g. volunteering, fundraising, political involvement, service trips, service-learning classes, or advocacy for an issue or agency; do not include probation or sanction-required service activities).

2. Please list your membership (including officer positions) in IUB student organizations if applicable.

3. What specific skills, knowledge and experiences do you hope to gain from being a LEAD IU AmeriCorps member? (100 words minimum)

4. What social issues or volunteer experiences are of most interest to you? Why? (100 words minimum)

5. Describe any fears or concerns you have about volunteering in an agency or participating in this program. (100 words minimum)

7. Describe what most excites you about volunteering in the community and becoming a LEAD IU AmeriCorps member. (100 words minimum)

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8. List your commitments for the 2011-2012 academic year, including:
- ✓ Number of credit hours
  - ✓ Internship or job commitments (\*please list employer and # of hours/week)
  - ✓ Student organization or other campus leadership commitments
  - ✓ Any other responsibility or commitment outside of campus activities and work that requires a significant portion of your time
9. Describe your plan for successfully completing 10 hours per week of service during both the fall and spring semesters (e.g. arrangements to your schedule, blocks of time set aside for completing service, how you anticipate juggling school/AmeriCorps/other commitments/relaxation time, your organization skills etc. Please keep in mind that many service sites DO NOT offer weekend hours!).