

NATIONAL AIDS FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

If you have any questions, please call 202.408.4848, x203, or send an e-mail to swyss@aidsfund.org.

Applicant Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Best time to telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____



Date of Birth (You must be at least 17 years of age at the beginning of the program year.) _____ Date of Graduation or GED _____

If you do not have a high school diploma or GED, do you agree to pursue one during the service year? Yes No

As a requirement for acceptance into the program, all applicants will be required to undergo a criminal background check and a national sex offender check. A criminal history does not automatically exclude you from participation in the program. However, a sex offense conviction is exclusionary. Do you agree to undergo both these history checks? Yes No

Essay Questions

Complete the following questions by writing or typing (preferred) on no more than 2-3 additional pages. Include your name at the top of each page in case the pages are separated from your application.

- Please describe your interest in serving in HIV/AIDS education, prevention, or client services. What unique skills do you have that would be of value in HIV/AIDS work?
- Please describe your experience, education, and/or interest in working with adolescents.
- What are your greatest hopes and fears about HIV/AIDS?
- Describe any volunteer or paid work you have done in the HIV/AIDS field.
- Please briefly describe the most ideal service role you can imagine.



Other Questions

To assist us in considering a service placement for you, please describe your familiarity and comfort levels with the following groups of people with whom you might work as an AmeriCorps Member (1=lowest, 5=highest).

	Familiarity	Comfort Level	Comments
Adolescents:			
Children:			
Elderly:			
People of a different sexual orientation:			
People who are dying:			
People living in poverty:			
People of a different ethnicity or race:			

Please rank where you would like to serve as an AmeriCorps Member (**1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice, etc.**). If you are committed to staying in your community or if you are not interested in all seven sites, please rank only the cities in which you wish to be considered. As you think about these choices, please be aware that we cannot offer any financial assistance to help defray the cost of moving.

Albuquerque/Santa Fe, NM: _____, Chicago, IL: _____, Detroit, MI: _____, Indianapolis, IN: _____, Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC: _____, Tulsa, OK: _____, Washington, DC: _____.

Are you available to begin the program by August 1, 2009? Yes No

Will you be available to attend two separate training conferences? Aug 2009: Yes No July 2010: Yes No

The availability of a personal car is not required for AmeriCorps members, except for those serving in Albuquerque/Santa Fe, NM; Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC; and Tulsa, OK, who must have regular access to a car. Would you have a car available for use in your AmeriCorps service? Yes No

Where did you hear about this program? Mark all that apply.

Friend: Internet: Advertisement in newspaper/magazine: Relative: AmeriCorps Member: News article: Other: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST/DEADLINE

In order to be considered for this award, please submit the following materials to the National AIDS Fund:

- A completed AmeriCorps general application (available online at www.americorps.org or by calling 1-800-94-ACORPS).
- TWO completed references (reference forms are included in the AmeriCorps general application and can be sent directly to the National AIDS Fund by the persons completing the references).
- This National AIDS Fund Supplemental Application, fully completed with signature (including essay questions).
- A copy of a United States passport **OR** a copy of driver's license **AND** a copy of a birth certificate **OR** primary documentation of status as a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the US.

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For more information about the Fund, visit www.aidsfund.org.

Email completed materials (completed application, essays, and scanned IDs) to:
swyss@aidsfund.org

And/or mail completed materials to the following address:

**National AIDS Fund
AmeriCorps Program
729 15th Street NW, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20005**

Member selection for the 2009-2010 program year will begin in January 2009. Applications are accepted from January 1 through **June 1, 2009**. It's best to apply early so fill out your application today! Please allow 5-7 days for mailing.

Please send only the requested application materials, via UPS, FedEx, or e-mail. No materials will be returned. Faxed applications will NOT be accepted.

APPLICATION SIGNATURES/WAIVER

By inserting my electronic signature below and transmitting this form via an electronic agent I affirm that all of the enclosed information is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that the National AIDS Fund and its funders are not to be held responsible for damages or injuries to me and/or theft of my property while participating in any NAF AmeriCorps activity. With my electronic signature below, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the sponsoring organizations of any event held in the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

INTRODUCTION

The National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps/Caring Counts Program unites individuals and organizations in the first AmeriCorps*National program focused solely on HIV/AIDS. National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps members become leaders in their communities by serving as HIV/AIDS prevention educators; HIV antibody testers and counselors; food service providers for people with HIV/AIDS; case managers; and hospice and/or residential caregivers for people with HIV/AIDS. The program year begins in August and continues until mid July of the following year. The year begins with a mandatory Pre-Service Training and concludes with an End-of-Service Meeting (travel and accommodations are provided for all teams for both meetings except the local team members, who will only be provided accommodations for each meeting).

National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps members are placed in HIV/AIDS host agencies for four days per week. Once placed in an agency, members receive support and feedback from a host agency supervisor. Each participating city has an AmeriCorps City Supervisor who keeps in direct communication with the Program Manager at the National AIDS Fund. After serving four days in a Host Agency, members spend the Fifth Day of the week focusing as a team on service projects within the community or obtaining additional training on a variety of topics.

Members serve a minimum of 1,700 hours over the course of the program year. All positions are full-time, and last approximately 11 months. In exchange for their service, members receive a taxable living allowance that is paid out bi-weekly over the course of the year. Members who complete the full year of service and who serve the minimum number of hours qualify for an education award, in the form of



voucher, of \$4,725 (gross), which is administered by the Corporation for National Service. **Special thanks to MetLife Foundation for their support of this program through their Caring Counts initiative.**

ELIGIBILITY

Those eligible to participate in the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps/Caring Counts Program will meet the following criteria: they must be at least 17 years of age at the beginning of the program year; they must be a United States citizen or a permanent legal resident; they must have a high school diploma or GED by the end of the program year; they must be available to begin service in early August 2009; and they must complete the requisite application materials as defined below. Please note that the selection committee for the National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Program is committed to providing equal opportunity for all applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, HIV status, national origin, veteran status, disability, creed, age, or gender identity or expression.

NATIONAL AIDS FUND

The National AIDS Fund is one of America's largest philanthropic organizations dedicated to eliminating HIV/AIDS as a major health and social problem. The Fund is unique in that its purpose is providing resources necessary for local AIDS leaders to fight the disease in their communities. Fund grants provide care and services and seek to prevent new infections through education, and advocacy. The National AIDS Fund advances its mission by managing tested, successful programs that assist community leaders with the current challenges of this epidemic.