



Urban Technology Project

Become a Digital Service Fellow for the 2017--2018 year

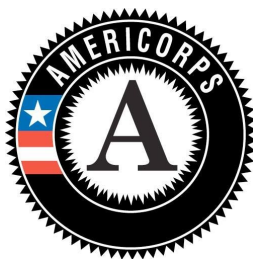
Digital Service Fellows AmeriCorps Program

The Digital Service Fellows (DSF) AmeriCorps program is a yearlong opportunity for recent Philadelphia high school graduates who are interested in gaining valuable information technology (I.T.) skills and in serving their communities. The DSF AmeriCorps program is part of the Urban Technology Project, a joint initiative with the School District of Philadelphia. The Urban Technology Project empowers Philadelphia youth and their communities through meaningful technology experiences that link youth leadership, education and community development.

As AmeriCorps members, DSFs serve their communities by actively applying learned skills to support the use of technology in schools. In addition to providing break/fix support to schools, DSFs lead and support technology clubs for students, teachers and parents.

Fellows learn through a combination of structured training for I.T. industry certifications – including Apple Certified Macintosh Technician, COMPTIA A+ and Google Apps For Education – and hands--on experiences with professionals in the School District of Philadelphia. During their service year, DSFs can enroll in subsidized classes at institutions of higher education.

Upon successful completion of their AmeriCorps service year, DSFs earn a \$5,815.00* education award that can be used toward any accredited higher education institution. Members who wish to continue their I.T. career path may also apply to participate in the Computer Support Specialist Program, a registered I.T. apprenticeship program with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.



Eligibility

To be eligible you must:

- Be between 17 and 24 years of age;
- Have a high school diploma or GED;
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident; and
- Submit a completed 2017–2018 application.

Service Commitment

During a successful year as a Digital Service Fellow, you:

- Will serve a minimum of 1700 hours (40 hours per week) from August 2017 to August 2018;
- Will earn industry certifications with subsidized testing vouchers;
- Will participate in ongoing service opportunities with the School District of Philadelphia and external district partners;
- Will learn basic coding and IT project management.

Benefits

This list is not exhaustive.

- \$12,630 living allowance
- Monthly SEPTA transpass
- Uniform
- Health care benefits
- Educational loan forbearance
- Access to tools and equipment (including laptop, external hard drive, software)
- Instruction in and subsidized vouchers for I.T. industry certifications
- Industry-level IT training
- Networking opportunities in the Philadelphia IT community
- \$5,815.00 Segal Education Award upon completion of service year