



Urban Technology Project

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The Digital Service Fellows (DSF) AmeriCorps program is an opportunity for recent Philadelphia high school graduates who are interested in gaining valuable information technology (IT) skills, serving their communities and continuing their education. The DSF AmeriCorps program is part of the Urban Technology Project, a joint initiative with the School District of Philadelphia and Communities In Schools of Philadelphia.

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 mentor students interested in technology. DSF play a critical role in helping to prepare the next generation of tech-minded citizens.

DSF learn through a combination of structured, intensive training for IT industry certifications – including CompTIA A+, CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CompTIA Network+, and Apple Certified Macintosh Technician – and hands-on experiences with professionals in the School District of Philadelphia. DSF interested in pursuing the IT apprenticeship after their year of service are also enrolled in a subsidized Computer Information Systems class with one of our educational partners, Community College of Philadelphia or Strayer University.

Upon successful completion of their AmeriCorps service time, DSFs earn a \$5,815 education award that can be used toward any accredited higher education institution. Members who wish to continue their I.T. career pathway can 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 2018–2019 application available at www.tinyurl.com/DSF2018.

Service & Learning Commitment

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

- Will serve from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday;
- Will serve in a Philadelphia public or charter school;
- Will serve a minimum of 1700 hours (40 hours per week) from August, 2018 to August, 2019;
- Can earn industry certifications with subsidized testing vouchers;
- Can participate in ongoing service opportunities with the Philadelphia technology start-up community, and various non-profit partners;
- Can learn website and mobile app development, in addition to break/fix support.
- Can enroll in subsidized classes at institutions of higher education;

Benefits

- \$14,000 living allowance
- \$5,815 education award upon completion of service year
- Monthly SEPTA transpass
- Use of tools and equipment (including laptop)
- IT Industry training and vouchers towards certification
- Subsidized enrollment in higher education classes
- Health care benefits
- Educational loan forbearance

Interested in joining the Digital Service Fellow AmeriCorps program? Apply now at www.tinyurl.com/DSF2018.

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