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CLLS AmeriCorps Initiative 2022-2023: Getting Started

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Agenda

- Review of Opportunity
- Two Great Members
- How Do We Sign Up?
- Key Information



Brought to you by:

- Pacific Library Partnership
- Literacyworks
- California Volunteers




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Questions?

- Please put your questions in Chat, and we'll answer after the presentation.
- We'll also have an "open mic (and camera)" session at the end if you prefer to ask verbally.





Review of Program Basics

For Libraries

AmeriCorps Basics

- Federal program supports volunteers in getting things done!
- “Domestic Peace Corps”
- Members are **not employees**, but they receive a living allowance and education award
- Full year commitment (or until hours complete)



AmeriCorps



AmeriCorps History

- **1961** President Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps
- **1964** As part of the "War on Poverty," President Lyndon B. Johnson creates VISTA - Volunteers in Service to America
- **1994** Under President Clinton, AmeriCorps established - 28 years ago! The first class of AmeriCorps members (20,000 strong) begins serving in more than 1,000 communities
- **2016** AmeriCorps enrolls its 1 millionth member at a swearing in done by an astronaut on the international space station!
- **2019** AmeriCorps celebrates its 25th year

8 REASONS TO AMERICORPS

A program of the Corporation for National & Community Service

MORE THAN
1,000,000
AMERICANS HAVE SERVED
SINCE 1994



LEVERAGES
\$1 BILLION
IN OUTSIDE RESOURCES
EVERY YEAR

75,000
MEMBERS SERVE
EACH YEAR

BENEFITING
MILLIONS
OF AMERICANS



KATRINA
JOPLIN
SANDY
FLINT
FLORENCE
MICHAEL
AND MORE.





HELPS COMMUNITIES
RECOVER FROM DISASTER



21,000+
SERVICE LOCATIONS
TACKLING PROBLEMS
WITH LOCAL SOLUTIONS

79%
OF ALUMNI PLAN TO BE
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
THEIR COMMUNITY



NEARLY
450,000+
VETERANS
AND MILITARY FAMILIES ASSISTED
THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE
EACH YEAR

\$3 BILLION



SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED
(**\$1 BILLION** USED TO REPAY
QUALIFIED STUDENT LOANS)

Some benefits:



Living Allowance

Receive a modest bi-weekly living allowance to cover basic expenses.



Health Benefit

Some AmeriCorps programs offer limited health benefit.



End of Service Award

Earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (\$6,095) to pay for current education expenses, and to repay qualified student loans.



Jobs with Leading Employers

Connect to a network of over 500 employers from all sectors who value AmeriCorps experience.



Professional Development

Sharpen your skills and bolster your resume.

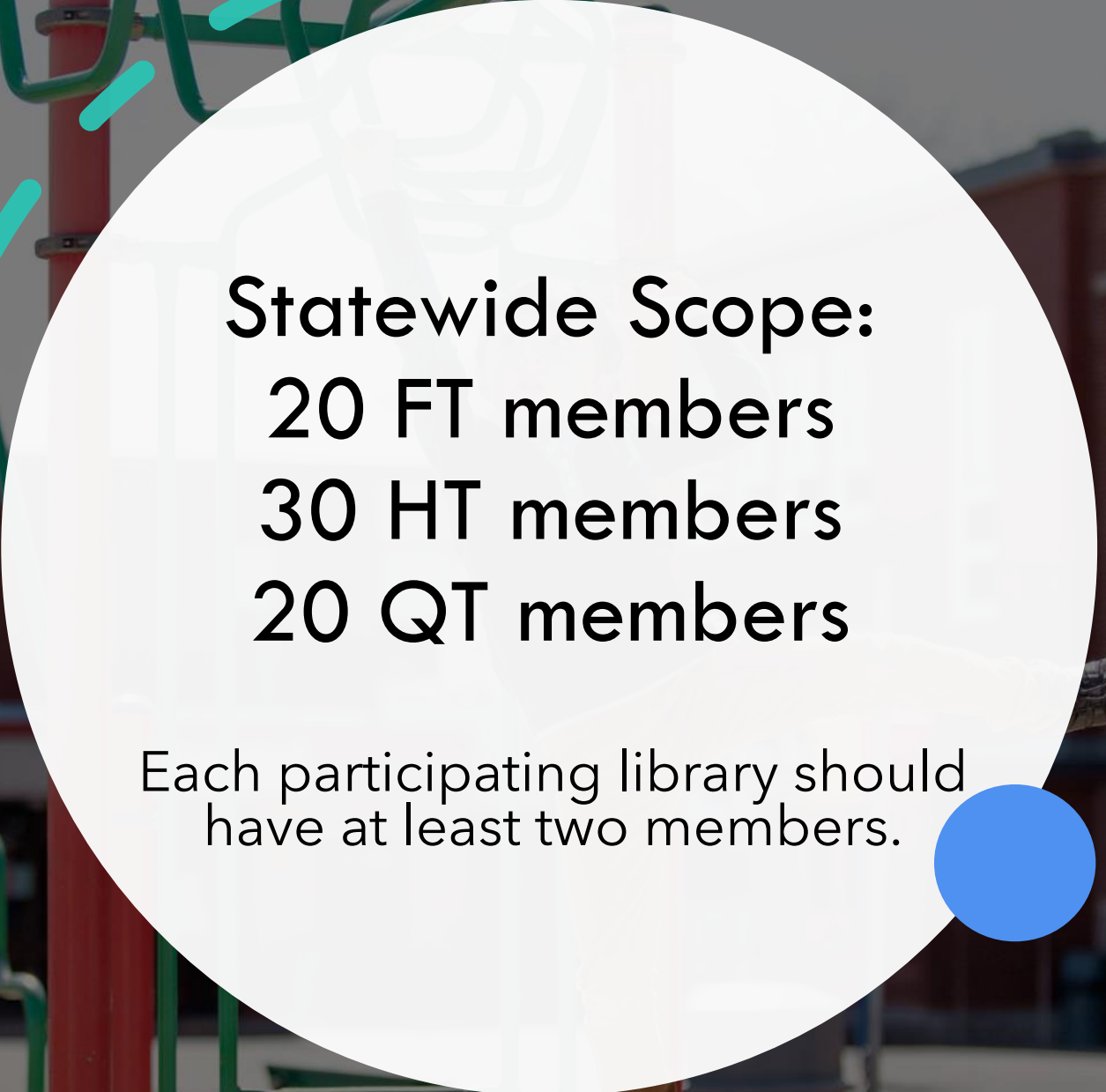


And many more benefits...

You can find them at:
AmeriCorps.gov/Join

CLLS Initiative and Opportunity

- Focus on **Capacity Building** and Pandemic Recovery
- CLLS libraries may apply
- AmeriCorps members serve in your program
 - Tutor
 - Recruit learners and volunteers
 - Work on family literacy programs
 - Assist with other programs and operations
 - Promote learner leadership
 - May include Adult Learners on Staff



Statewide Scope:
20 FT members
30 HT members
20 QT members

Each participating library should have at least two members.

Cost Share Expectations UPDATED

Member	Minimum Hours	Living Allowance*	Education Award	Local Contribution
Full Time	1700	25,500	10,000	5,000*
Half Time	900	9,000	3,247.50	2,000
Quarter Time	450	3,000	1,718.25	1,000

Member Requirements

- Must complete application and interview
- Must complete all items required for member file, including signed Member Service Agreement

Member Requirements

- Must be U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or legal permanent resident alien of the United States
- Must pass specific background checks (Truescreen and Fieldprint)



Meet Two Great AmeriCorps Alums!

Stories from California Libraries



How Does My Library Sign Up?

2022-2023

For libraries

- Application: act NOW, first come, first served for two positions
- If all slots are not filled, your library may apply for additional positions

For libraries

- Notification ASAP (within one week)
- Your program should begin recruiting immediately after notification


For libraries

- Recruitment resources on <https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/>
- Sample application may be modified by your program (logo, local contact information)

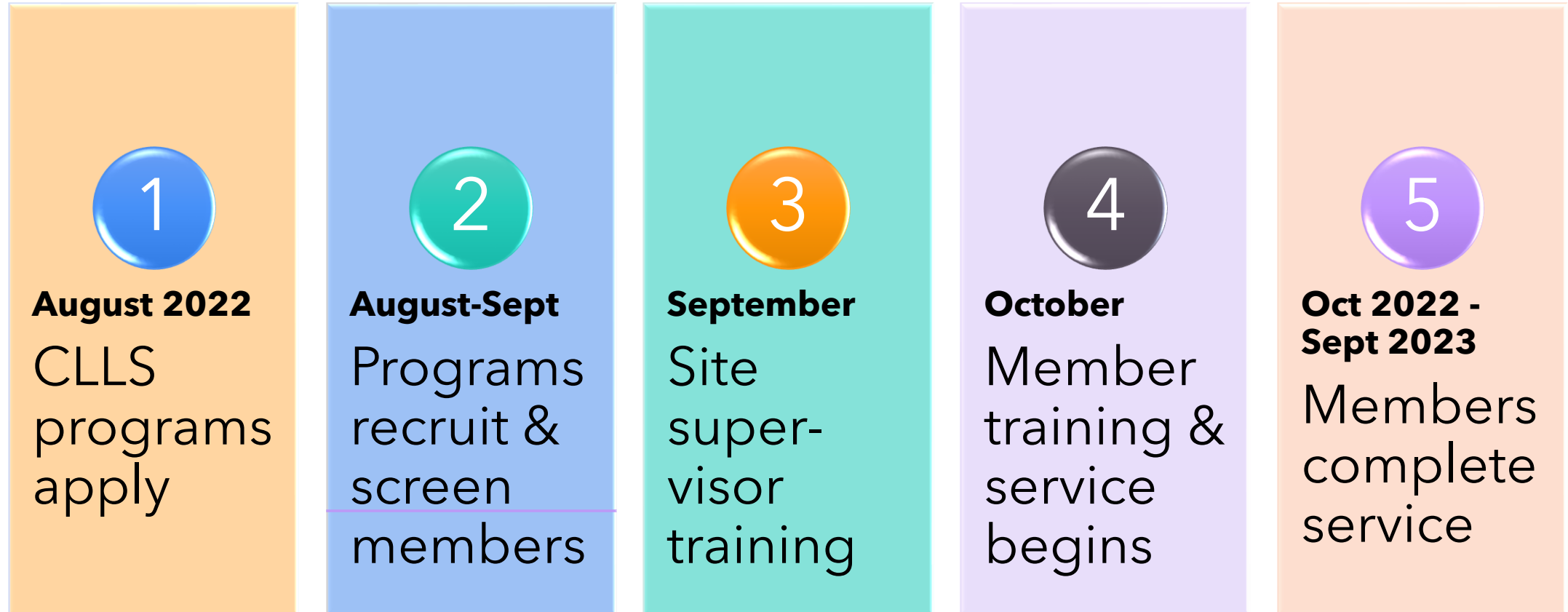


For libraries

How can a library add more ESL funding?

- If you already have CLLS ESL funding, fill out a budget modification form.
 - If you don't have CLLS ESL funding, ask to apply now and CSL will unlock application.
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Timeline





Key Information

2022-2023

What Are Statewide (not local) Responsibilities?

- Statewide project administration and leadership
 - Literacyworks provides most support systems
 - Project administrator Kathy St. John
 - CLLS is project partner
 - Pacific Library Partnership is lead grant agency

What Are Statewide (not local) Responsibilities?

- Centralized background checks and verification
- Statewide initial and ongoing virtual training for members (AmeriCorps basics, literacy basics, networking, website)
- Set up online timekeeping and tracking mechanism
- Processing timecards, living allowances, local travel reimbursements
- Site supervisor training on AmeriCorps requirements and standards

What Are Local Responsibilities?

- **Recruitment and selection** of members, including interviews and checking references
- **Supervision**
- Fostering a sense of belonging and success
- **Cost share** per member
- Sign **agreement/MOU** to participate

What Are Local Responsibilities?

- Workspace
- **Local training** (tutor training, local program orientation)
- **Supervisor participation** in statewide training and other activities
- Timekeeping (via America Learns product) and goal-based recordkeeping to support statewide reporting



A Few More Rules

Prohibited
activities

Unallowable
activities

Prohibited activities

AmeriCorps is a federal program and enjoys bipartisan support. Under the Serve America Act, it includes many rules and regulations, including what are called Prohibited Activities, such as influencing legislation, engaging in partisan political activities, and engaging in religious instruction. Information is included in the orientation.

Members and program staff are still free to do these activities on their own time.

Unallowable activities

In addition to those that are termed 'Prohibited' there are also other activities that aren't allowed to be performed by AmeriCorps members.

These relate to keeping members from causing issues with labor organizations, as well as simply seeking to always represent the best use of taxpayer dollars.

Put simply, AmeriCorps wants to ensure that members are doing the service they are funded to do - as described in their program's awarded grant.

Unallowable activities

- Activities that **fall outside of the scope** of the approved grant, performance measures, and position description
- Member training that exceeds the 20% aggregate rule
- Activities that would violate the **non-duplication** and **non-displacement** requirements

Ready to apply?

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLLSappAmeriCorps>
- Applications open **now** and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. You may apply for TWO members (no more or less) although you may request additional positions in case they become available.
- Libraries are responsible for recruiting and selecting members.

Thank you!
Questions?

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