



FRYSC Youth Service Corps Application Instructions

Due June 30, 2018

The FRYSC Youth Service Corps program is offered through FRYSC AmeriCorps to FRYSCs across Kentucky. This is a national service grant that provides education awards to individuals who commit to and complete 300 hours of service intended to remove barriers to learning for K to 12 students and families.

The design of this AmeriCorps program supports FRYSCs career exploration and development component. High school students aged 17+ serve under the supervision of FRYSC coordinators. They get the opportunity to learn how FRYSCs address basic needs of school children. The student member has responsibility for supporting the center food relief program, asking for donations and managing storage and distribution of food items. Their service is not limited to their host FRYSC, they may volunteer with FRYSC partners who address basic and educational needs of students and families.

FRYSC AmeriCorps wants host sites to create a structured environment for service that meets the needs of that particular center. We encourage sites and students to plan a service schedule that includes the following activity if appropriate for your center:

- Plan and complete a fundraiser (example: food or toiletry drive).
- Help plan & promote a FAFSA Workshop.
- Help plan & present YSC programming.
- Support a local FRC program.
- Volunteer with a FRYSC community partner.
- Recruit and lead other volunteers for projects.
- Prepare and present about service experience to a local group (example: YSC Advisory Council, SBDM, Student group).
- Attend a YSC advisory council meeting.
- Attend a local city or county government open meeting.

Application Section 1

Please complete the contact information for your site.

The FRYSC coordinator is the intended site supervisor. If another school staff member will act as site supervisor, please provide their contact information. The site supervisor **MUST ATTEND** the site supervisor training at Victory Over Violence on July 18.

Application Section 2

Item 1 - All applicants chosen for service must agree to and have a criminal history check. If the applicant is under the age of 18 then FRYSC AmeriCorps must collect all agreements and information to run that check

BEFORE accepting a student for service. The information will be processed after the student reaches their 18th birthday. Parent or guardian and the students under the age of 18 must agree to allow FRYSC AmeriCorps to complete the record check.

Item 2 - All students who commit to serve with the FRYSC AmeriCorps program must attend the orientation.

Item 3 - All site supervisors must attend the training at VOV. Supervisors who attend will receive training hours.

Application Section 3

Each question is meant to help you think through how you will create a structure where a student will have opportunity to learn and practice positive job skills and finish their 300-hour commitment.

1. Include a description of center programming and the role you expect the member to take. Provide examples of community and school partners who can offer additional volunteer opportunities.
2. Members will be expected to address food insecurity in your school. Please describe how your student can support your current arrangements for food donations, storage and delivery.
3. Please describe the job skills you expect your student to learn and practice. Consider how you will address problems with attendance or initiating and completing tasks.
4. Include skills, interests or character traits of your ideal candidate. Explain your resources for advertising and finding applicants.

FAQs

Can we host more than one student?

Yes, you may have more than one student serving with your center. FRYSC AmeriCorps will honor requests for more than one student member based on availability of member positions and the site's demonstrated ability to support those student members.

How will the student serve 300 hours during school?

FRYSC AmeriCorps recommends that students commit to 8-10 hours of service each week to finish by the end of the school year. Service days are not limited to school hours. After-school or weekend projects for the FRYSC, school, or with FRYSC community partners are strongly encouraged. All service must support basic needs and education of children and families. Service away from the school site must be verified by the site supervisor.

May they volunteer away from school?

Yes, our members may volunteer with community partner nonprofits or government agencies (examples are 4-H, parks & rec, district afterschool child care programs). Some activities are prohibited per federal law. Similar to a school, service cannot support political candidates or legislation, promote or teach religion or support a for-profit business.

What will the program cost me?

There is not a cash cost to host a YSC Corps student member. The investment is in kind supervision of the student. Some host site have arranged transportation to allow their service member to attend orientation.

Does my student need a background check?

Yes, all AmeriCorps members who serve a vulnerable population must have a CNCS compliant background check, even if they are currently a student in the school they are serving. The paperwork must be completed before they start earning service hours. FRYSC AmeriCorps will provide an agreement form and a fingerprint card. All youth members will complete the agreement signed by their parent or guardian. We ask the host site to get the student fingerprinted at their board office and mail the card to our office for processing.

How much time and what do I do to supervise my student?

We expect you and the student to create a weekly schedule. You should plan to meet for a few minutes each week to discuss upcoming projects and to offer feedback. They must report each day they are scheduled. You will also need to review and approve the student's online timesheet. Direct supervision should take about 1-2 hours a week on average.

Will this program meet my action components?

This program is intended to meet the YSC Career Exploration and Development component. FRCs will find that the students help them address their own components.

I have an FRC. May I host this program?

Yes, FRCs or YSCs serving middle schools can be host sites. You will need to work with your high school YSC or counselor to identify applicants.

May we partner with another center?

Yes! We encourage partnerships. It is a great way for a student to see the variety and difference in programs at elementary, middle and high school levels. It can also provide more service opportunities for your student.

Who will make a good member?

Consider the kinds of projects you have at your center and when and where those projects will take place. Will your student need to travel at all? Do they need to have or want to develop certain skills? Students who complete commitments. Students who have a desire to give back to their community. Students who have a good work ethic. Students who are independent and motivated to make a difference.

Think carefully about students who have heavy academic or athletic commitments. Sports practices nearly always win out and students fall behind during sport seasons. Students who have a job afterschool will not be a good fit.

Students aged 17 and older can be considered, so look in both the junior and senior classes.

Does the student need to be a senior?

They can be either juniors or seniors as long as they are 17 when they start service. Juniors have an advantage. They may take longer to complete their 300 hours of service. They can continue to serve after the end of school. Seniors should plan to finish by the end of the school year.

My student cannot attend the orientation. Can they still participate?

Students must attend an orientation with FRYSC AmeriCorps. There will be 2 orientations offered, and students may attend either one. We are not able to offer individual make-up orientations to student members.

When do they need to finish the 300-hour service?

FRSYC AmeriCorps recommends that students complete their service by the end of school, especially if they are graduating. However, they have one full calendar year to complete the 300 hours of service. They may continue to serve during the summer after graduation until their service hours are complete.

When can I choose a student?

Once you know you can host a student you can begin recruiting immediately. They will not be able to start service until September 1, 2018. However, there is a lot of student paperwork that should be completed before that date.

Where can I find student applicants?

Talk to counselors, teachers and administrators about possible students. If you have a teacher who coordinates internships or job experiences, get this on the list. Talk to the Beta Club or other service club sponsors. Talk to school staff and through your community partner networks.

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**Please fax or scan your completed application to:
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