

Match Corps: An AmeriCorps Service Year Impacting Kids in Boston

Match Corps members spend a year in Boston, building relationships with a small handful of students enrolled in the Match Schools in Boston and working with them to reach their academic goals in daily, small group instructional sessions.

If you're in search of a service year opportunity that brings together like-minded people from across the country to make a meaningful impact in the lives of young people, then please read on. Match Corps might be the perfect experience for you!

The Match Corps currently has over 700 alumni across the nation and this past spring, celebrated its 10 year anniversary. [This video](#) highlights what current and former Match students had to say about the Match Corps: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQKN72I-Bhc&feature=youtu.be>

THE MATCH SCHOOL:

The Match School is a nationally recognized, high performing school network that serves low-income students in Boston. The school has four campuses: Match Community Day, Match Next, Match Middle School, and Match High School, cumulatively serving grades Pre-K through 12. Our mission is to prepare ALL of our students to succeed in college and beyond. Many of our students arrive to our school several grade levels behind. We believe with great teachers, tutors, and staff, quality instruction, and uncompromising expectations, these students can and will succeed. Our work is done through a combination of innovation, drive, and an emphasis on relationship building with students and their families.

You can learn more about our students here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEFQyO_vNzs&feature=player_embedded

MATCH CORPS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Match Corps members spend a service year tutoring and building relationships with students in the Match School.

The Match Corps is not just for future teachers. Many of our tutors join the program because they are searching for a service year experience---either because they are taking a gap year before graduate or professional school and want to do something meaningful for a year, are interested in exploring a career in non-profits or education policy, or are simply passionate about social justice.

This service year takes place at one of Match's four campuses. Match Corps members serve as full-time tutors to small groups of students in core subjects while building strong relationships with their families. The Match Corps play a vital role in our school as members provide individualized attention to students, which has proven to have tremendous impact on their academic success.

In addition to tutoring, Match Corps members also have the opportunity to work alongside school leaders, staff, and teachers as teaching assistants or administrative assistants. Corps members

especially enjoy this aspect as it provides them with opportunities to learn more about urban education and explore different careers within the sector. Corps members also have the opportunity to attend education reform panels hosted by Match throughout the school year. This is great for those who want meet and hear from key players in the education reform community.

Another aspect Corps members enjoy in their service year is the sense of community at the school. Match Corps members often develop very close bonds with each other and in many cases end up leaving the program with life-long friends and strong professional networks.

Our newest partnership with AmeriCorps allows Corps members to receive a few unique benefits as well.

- Upon completing their year of service, Match Corps members can earn a **\$5,775.00 education award**, applicable toward eligible post-secondary institution costs and qualified student loans.
- They can also apply for **loan forbearance or deferment** on eligible loans, allowing them to postpone loan payments until after their year of service has completed.
- Match Corps members may also eligible for childcare subsidies, and a number of other benefits unique to AmeriCorps.

Click here to find out more about Match Corps: <http://www.matcheducation.org/join/match-corps/>

To apply right away, click here: <https://matchrecruiting.quickbase.com/db/bhbqq2dbs>

Desired Skills and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree
- Dedicated to constantly improving
- Strong communication and writing skills
- Relentless work ethic
- Committed to spending a year working with students in an exciting, fast-paced school setting

If you're interested in pairing your Match Corps experience with dynamic teacher training in an urban school environment, click here to learn more about Match Teacher Residency:

<http://www.matcheducation.org/join/match-teacher-residency/>