



## ShoreCorps/PALS The AmeriCorps Program at

Salisbury  
UNIVERSITY

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### Overview

ShoreCorps/PALS, the AmeriCorps Program at Salisbury University, is seeking competent and energetic people who want to join the national service movement by serving vulnerable populations on Maryland's Eastern Shore. ShoreCorps/PALS partners with agencies serving youth in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

ShoreCorps/PALS AmeriCorps members serve for at least 48 weeks in positions providing one-on-one and group mentoring, homework assistance, parent and family support services, health education programs, a variety of community outreach activities, resources for senior citizens, and volunteer recruitment and management. Members work with youth and/or senior citizens and increase the capacity of the sites where they serve.

### Opportunities

- ❖ Contribute to the academic and social success of youth on the Eastern Shore of Maryland
- ❖ Resource and advocate for senior citizens and their caregivers
- ❖ Gain experience serving in a school, government agency or non-profit organization that translates directly into job experience in your chosen field
- ❖ Develop effective skills in project management, leadership and teamwork
- ❖ Participate in a lively learning community of fellow AmeriCorps members who are committed to youth development and empowerment
- ❖ Participate in a national service movement of over 80,000 members nationwide
- ❖ Realize the satisfaction of incorporating service into your life and making a difference in your community and your country

### Requirements

- ❖ Applicants must have a **strong interest** in serving youth and adolescents.
- ❖ Applicants must be at least **18 years of age**.
- ❖ Applicants must have **reliable** transportation.
- ❖ Applicants must be available to attend the tuition-free, **mandatory** AmeriCorps class at Salisbury University on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. during the Fall and Spring semesters. Applicants must not owe outstanding debts to Salisbury University.
- ❖ Applicants must be available to serve for approximately **40 hours** per week for full-time service, **20 hours** per week for half-time service or **10 hours** per week for quarter-time service **for at least 48 weeks**.
- ❖ Applicants must be able to provide documentation that they are a "citizen, national, or permanent resident alien of the United States." To document this status, a US birth certificate is required. A passport is an acceptable document for I-9 verification. Applicants must be able to provide proof of high school graduation or GED, a driver's license or state-issued ID card, and social security card.
- ❖ Applicants will undergo a 2-hour orientation at the ShoreCorps/PALS office and a comprehensive Criminal History Check, which includes FBI fingerprinting.

## Benefits

A **full-time**, one-year commitment of 1,700 hours of service (approximately 40 hours/week for at least 48 weeks) offers the following benefits:

- ❖ Bi-weekly, pre-tax living allowance of \$508.33 (during 48 weeks of active service)
- ❖ Post-education award of \$5,730 to help pay for federal student loans and/or future education expenses
- ❖ Six tuition-free undergraduate credits from Salisbury University
- ❖ Federal student loan forbearance during service
- ❖ Exemption from paying some or all of federal student loan accrued interest payments
- ❖ Health insurance, if eligible
- ❖ Child care reimbursement, if eligible

A **half-time**, one-year commitment of 900 hours of service (approximately 20 hours/week for at least 48 weeks) offers the following benefits:

- ❖ Bi-weekly, pre-tax living allowance of \$252.08 (during 48 weeks of active service)
- ❖ Post-education award of \$2,865 to help pay for federal student loans and/or future education expenses
- ❖ Six tuition-free undergraduate credits from Salisbury University
- ❖ Federal student loan forbearance during service
- ❖ Exemption from paying some or all of federal student loan accrued interest payments

A **quarter-time**, one year commitment of 450 hours of service (approximately 10 hours/week for at least 48 weeks) offers the following benefits:

- ❖ Bi-weekly, pre-tax living allowance of \$126.04 (during 48 weeks of active service)
- ❖ Post-education award of \$1,515 to help pay for federal student loans and/or future education expenses.
- ❖ Six tuition-free undergraduate credits from Salisbury University
- ❖ Federal student loan forbearance during service
- ❖ Exemption from paying some or all of federal student loan accrued interest payments

## Application Process

1. Complete application and return it to the ShoreCorps/PALS office by mail, email, or hand delivery.
2. Staff reviews application and sends copies to sites matching the applicant's preferences in July or August.
3. After reviewing applications on a "rolling" basis, service sites contact applicants directly to schedule interviews.
4. When an applicant is selected by a service site, the site notifies the applicant and ShoreCorps/PALS.
5. ShoreCorps/PALS contacts selected applicants to schedule orientations as soon as possible.
6. Orientations continue as new applicants are invited to serve as members.
7. The orientation includes an overview of the program requirements and benefits of service through ShoreCorps/PALS. Selected applicants complete preliminary enrollment paperwork, including a release for a Criminal History Check that must be passed in order to be fully enrolled in the program. FBI fingerprinting is required. Anticipated start date for the 2015-2016 service year is September of 2015.

**Please note: the ShoreCorps/PALS program is contingent upon receipt of federal funding.**

## To Apply

Contact Sara Heim to receive an application.

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Visit our office on the second floor of the Camden House on the SU campus at 1212 Camden Avenue.

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