



FAQs:
AmeriCorps Alums
20th Anniversary National Leader Awards
Nominations Accepted from June 16 – August 1, 2014

Answers to commonly asked questions about award eligibility, how to nominate alumni, and the selection process for the **AmeriCorps Alums 20th Anniversary National Leader Awards**

This document is also available at <http://www.americorpsalums.org/?page=20thAnniversary>

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National Leader Awards FAQs

1. Who can nominate individuals?

Anyone can [nominate](#) 20th anniversary award winners—including program directors, foundation executives, AmeriCorps Alums chapters, colleagues, friends, etc. Self-nominations are accepted.

2. Who is eligible for the awards?

Any alum who has served in an AmeriCorps program, including VISTA members pre-1994. Additionally, alums serving quarter-time and part-time AmeriCorps terms can apply, as can currently serving full-time corps members who have completed at least one term.

3. What are you looking for in a nominee?

Nominees should model the values of the [AmeriCorps pledge](#) and be committed to a lifetime of service. Ideal nominees bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. When faced with apathy, they take action. When faced with conflict, they seek common ground. When faced with adversity, they persevere. They “get things done for America”—to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

We are seeking nominees from a diverse range of backgrounds, program types, ages, and service years. We are looking for nominations from a broad range of impact areas and professions, including, but not limited to: educators, politicians, nonprofit staff members and executives, former VISTA Leaders, members who served or are currently serving and have already completed one term, artists, small business owners, alums who are also military veterans, policy makers, religious leaders, environmentalists, active community members, individuals who work in a global context, disaster responders, Alums chapter leaders, and entrepreneurs.

4. How long does the nomination process take and how do you do it?

[It takes just 5 minutes to complete a nomination and you will submit nominations at Twenty.AmeriCorpsAlums.org.](#) In advance, be sure to gather basic demographic information on your nominee listed below and be prepared to answer a few short questions about how the nominee’s AmeriCorps experience shaped him/her personally and/or professionally.

- Correct Spelling of Name
- Email Address

- Current State of Residence
- Current Zip Code
- Year of Service
- AmeriCorps Program Name
- Additional Year(s) of Service and Program Names (if Applicable)
- Current Employer
- Current Job Title
- Current Impact Area: Education, Environment, Disaster, Veterans, Health, Economic Opportunity, Other
- Demographic Info of the Nominee (Optional), Including Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Age (<30, 31-40, 40+)
- A Photo or Video of the Nominee is Encouraged, but Not Required.

5. When can I nominate individuals for these awards and when will winners be announced?

We are accepting nominations from June 16-August 1 and will announce award recipients on Sept. 12.

6. How are Awardees selected?

Finalists will be determined by a diverse group comprised of AmeriCorps alums and non-alum leaders from a diverse range of backgrounds.

7. What happens after a nominated individual is selected as an Award Winner?

National award winners will be contacted in early August, and may be required to submit additional information (e.g. additional biographical information, photographs, a blog post, etc.).

8. What are the benefits given and expectations for award winners?

Award recipients will gain national recognition and access to leadership and public speaking engagements. Awardees will be expected to advocate for AmeriCorps Alums and serve as spokespersons and role models for young alums. These 20 alumni would participate in public relations activities for the alumni association, including participation in online job panels, the creation of blog content, and other media opportunities.