Elder Justice AmeriCorps - AMERICORPS JD PROGRAM

The Equal Justice Works Elder Justice AmeriCorps JD program provides law students with the opportunity to earn a $1,230 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award for dedicating 300 hours of service to a qualifying legal project with a nonprofit program or other qualifying organization. Law students are immersed in a network of more than 80,000 AmeriCorps Members nationwide and receive invaluable experience in various legal areas. To qualify for the Elder Justice AmeriCorps program, the law student’s project should include work similar to that described below:

Elder Justice AmeriCorps law student members in the AmeriCorps JD program will improve the lives of victims of elder abuse by providing legal assistance to older adult victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Law student members serving at organizations that host Equal Justice Works Elder Justice AmeriCorps Fellows will focus specifically on assisting the Fellows with responding to instances of elder abuse. These law students will help sites conduct outreach to other service agencies and to vulnerable elders, and will help their sites provide other necessary legal services to older adult clients who have been victims of abuse. The students will also assist attorneys with legal research, drafting briefs, outreach and intake screenings. Students in the program who are serving at organizations without a Fellow will serve in other areas of civil legal aid, including elder abuse issues as needed. These students will help to bring a greater awareness of elder abuse issues to locations where there are currently no lawyers available to provide elder justice services.

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL HOST ORGANIZATIONS
Hosting an AmeriCorps JD member is a great opportunity to grow the capacity of your organization by utilizing law students to support new initiatives. The requirements for host organizations include providing supervision, mentorship, and training to AmeriCorps JD Members to expand their education. When you agree to host AmeriCorps JD Members, Equal Justice Works provides your contact information to students whose legal interests meet the needs of your organization. There is no financial investment required of the host organization.

The AmeriCorps program, under the Corporation for National and Community Service, has a list of prohibited activities that cannot be included in the hours of service completed to earn the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award. A list of these activities can be found here.

AMERICORPS JD MEMBER REQUIREMENTS
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States
- Agree to criminal background checks during application
- Be supervised by a licensed attorney
- Have less than four terms of AmeriCorps service

More details on eligibility and requirements can be found on our website.