Veterans Legal Corps - AMERICORPS JD PROGRAM

The Equal Justice Works Veterans Legal Corps 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 Veterans Legal Corps AmeriCorps program, the law student’s project should include work similar to that described below:

Veterans Legal Corps JD members will improve the lives of low-income and homeless veterans by providing legal assistance that ultimately leads to higher incomes, better health, safer and more secure housing, and family stability. JD members will support Equal Justice Works Fellows in securing VA disability benefits and/or SSDI/SSI benefits for veterans with complex physical and mental health challenges, eliminating legal barriers to housing, reducing or dismissing fines, warrants, and tickets, reducing unwarranted – or waiving unreasonably high – child support orders, preventing foreclosures and evictions and eliminating legal barriers to employment.

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.