



Ohio History Service Corps Member Recruitment Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the Ohio History Service Corps. The Ohio History Connection created the Ohio History Service Corps to help local organizations put history to work in their communities. Partnering with local history organizations, the Ohio History Connection places 10 AmeriCorps members in communities across the state.

Ohio History Service Corps (OHSC) members serve as Local History or Community Surveyor members to promote, raise awareness of, and preserve Ohio's strong history through organizational capacity building, creating educational experiences for community members, and promoting economic development through preservation activities.

Members will receive training in areas such as (but not limited to): volunteer management, meeting facilitation, fundraising, collections digitization, community mapping, historic preservation and historic property surveying, and heritage tourism/community-based economic development. They will also attend one statewide conference, which can include the Ohio Local History Alliance annual meeting and regional meetings as well as the Heritage Ohio conference. They will also participate in designated National Days of Service and AmeriCorps Week. There is also a possibility of being called to volunteer during a natural disaster or other community emergency.

This program is available to all, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, religion, age, national origin, genetic information, disability, military status, familial status, political affiliation, or any other characteristic protected by law.

OHSC members are required to live in or near the local community where they will be serving. The Ohio History Connection and our host sites do not provide relocation or housing financial assistance. We will have host sites in Akron, Bellefontaine, Bowling Green, Canton, Cincinnati, Milan, Portsmouth, Warren, and Youngstown.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the time commitment for service in the OHSC? The OHSC members are Full Time national service participants who agree to serve 1700 hours of service for a 12 month period. This works out to 35-40 hours per week over the service term.

What are the dates of the Ohio History Service Corps program for 2024-2025? Pending approval of grant funding from ServeOhio and AmeriCorps in May 2025, the program will begin with a mandatory training in Columbus on September 17-19, 2025. Members will serve from September 17, 2025 until August 31, 2026.

What are the OHSC program benefits?

- Leadership and Training Opportunities
- Health Insurance
- Travel Reimbursements
- Living Stipend up to \$21,500
- Possibility of an Educational Award equal to \$7,395

Are there education and experience requirements? Members preferably have a college degree or similar level of experience and a passion for history, public history, museum studies, anthropology, other humanities, library sciences,

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historic preservation/architectural history, education, or related fields. Some event planning, community development, heritage tourism, and/or museums experience a plus but not required.

What are some of the other requirements? Service is provided primarily on-site at the host site and outreach sites, therefore members will need to be located in or near the city or town where the host site is located. If relevant, members will need to be prepared to relocate. *Physical Demands:* Some stooping, bending and lifting no more than 25 pounds. Must be able to spend long periods of time working on a computer. *Service Environment:* Environment includes office, community, and outdoor settings. *Travel:* Statewide and local travel is required. Members will travel to Columbus or elsewhere in the state 5-6 times per year for training, as well as traveling to outreach or survey sites as often as several times per week. Members must be able to provide their own transportation. A valid driver's license and reliable vehicle are highly recommended. All non-commute mileage will be reimbursed. *Language Skills:* Excellent communication skills both oral and written. Must be comfortable with public speaking. *Mathematical Skills:* Basic. *Technical Skills:* Computer proficient, including Microsoft Office products. WordPress and/or web development/maintenance preferred but not required; excellent organizational skills. You should be able to take the initiative to work independently and with a team.

When is my application due? Applications will accepted until **August 15, 2025** or until all member positions are filled.

If you applied on-line during the past year, your application may be pulled for review. If you become unavailable for the position, please go into the My AmeriCorps portal and withdraw your application.

Candidates meeting the qualifications will be interviewed from late spring until all member positions are filled.

How do I complete the application? All applicants **must** apply through the AmeriCorps website in order for your application to be considered: <https://americorps.gov/join>. Find our program by using the "Find an Opportunity" option and searching for the "Ohio History Service Corps."

Applicants will be required to set up a profile on the website. All fields are required. When completing the "Motivation" section, applicants are expected to refine this section to describe their motivation for service, and why they wish to serve specifically in the OHSC. Applicants should take care in their submission as they would a job application. The application section Experience is equivalent to a resume, Motivation to a cover letter.

I have completed two terms of AmeriCorps. Does this make me ineligible? No, you will be eligible for our program. However, you will not be able to receive a third education award if you are selected to serve a third year.

Where can I find more information? Interested applicants should visit the OHSC website for more information: ohiohistory.org/ameriCorps. Individuals are also encouraged to reach out to the AmeriCorps Program Director at americorps@ohiohistory.org with questions.



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