



## Montana | Campus Compact

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### **Getting the most from your Montana Campus Compact Membership.**

If your campus is a member institution of The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC), you are part Montana's largest higher education consortium. MTCC works to renew higher education's civic purposes. We are 19 institutions across Montana, and a statewide Network Office based in Missoula. The Network Office staff: Dean, Shannon, Josh, Gini, and Cody all work for you, the staff of our member campuses. Each year, your campus's CEO pays affiliation dues to have the opportunity to participate in MTCC programs. Together we offer Montana students opportunities to gain citizenship experience, serve their communities, as well as stipends, scholarships and lifelong community connections.

#### **Montana Campus Compact Member Institutions**

- Blackfeet Community College
- Carroll College
- Dawson Community College
- Flathead Valley Community College
- Fort Peck Community College
- Fort Belknap College
- Little Big Horn College
- Miles Community College
- Montana Tech of the UM
- Montana State University-Bozeman
- Montana State University-Billings
- Montana State University-Northern
- MSU College of Technology-Great Falls
- Rocky Mountain College
- Salish Kootenai College
- The UM-Helena College of Technology
- The University of Montana-Missoula
- The University of Montana-Western
- University of Great Falls

#### **I. LEVERAGE AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARDS FOR STUDENTS PLACED WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS\***

**\*E.G. SERVICE-LEARNING COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS, STUDENT TEACHING WITH HIGH NEEDS SCHOOLS, NURSING CLINICALS WITH NONPROFIT CLINICS AND HOSPITALS, SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM, COUNSELOR EDUCATION, HEALTH SCIENCE PRACTICUM, COMMUNITY-BASED WORK-STUDY**

Through the **Campus Corps Non-Stipended Program**, MTCC campuses have the opportunity to offer AmeriCorps Education Awards valued at \$1000, \$1250, and \$2362 to students addressing community needs while learning. These positions allow student teachers, nursing and social work students, interns, Work-Study students and extra curricular student volunteers (etc.) to receive AmeriCorps Education Award at the end of a 300, 450, or 900-hour term of service. As a campus, this is a unique opportunity to build a sustainable community service program and add value to your existing community partnerships as well as funding opportunities to your students. The principle of this program is that hundreds of Montana students do community-based, service through academic requirements and extracurricular programs. Provided that service is focused on meeting community needs, as well as learning objectives, and it happens in nonprofit setting (schools and government count as well) then student may enroll as Campus Corps AmeriCorps members.

Campuses that host a volunteer center (such as UM, MSU, MSU-B and FVCC) may choose to partner with community-based organizations (often schools and nonprofits) who in effect join the Compact by submitting an annual application and dues to the local campus (with fees based on a scale according to their AmeriCorps FTE request). Campuses share administrative responsibilities with the Network Office. The local campus's responsibilities include: reviewing proposals to ensure that they are focused on meeting community needs, helping recruit members from among their student body, orienting students to the program, and providing technical assistance (retention, recruitment, reflection). The MTCC Network Office records member enrollments, time sheets, and exits; handles sponsor reporting; and works as the liaison to the program sponsor.

In addition, the **Campus Corps Non-Stipended Program** can be paired with appropriate (direct service and community needs-focused) Work-Study placements. Campuses simply need to ask their students to enroll in the program, attend a local orientation, fill out the necessary paperwork, and submit time sheets and reporting and exit forms.

What to do:

- Appoint a departmental/staff leader to oversee the program;
- Familiarize yourself with the program information, and set up a time to meet with the MTCC Network Services Director.
- Explain the opportunity to Financial Aid Staff so they let Work-Study students know about the opportunity ASAP;
- Spread the word among local community nonprofits, schools, and agencies that utilize volunteers (community members are also eligible).

**Who to contact:** Josh Vanek and Shannon Stober ([vanek@mtcompact.org](mailto:vanek@mtcompact.org), [stober@mtcompact.org](mailto:stober@mtcompact.org) 243-5177) administer the Campus Corps program.

## 2. **CREATE PAID STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE POSITIONS**

As an MTCC campus, you can also host a team of stipended **Campus Corps** AmeriCorps members. The stipended Campus Corps positions offer student-service jobs that allow students from your campus to serve community needs (in education, public safety, environment, homeland security, and human services). Students can serve either two-year/900 hour or one-year/450-hour terms of service. Students receive approximately \$2800 per year, valuable skills and leadership training, and an Education Award (\$1250 for 450 hours or \$2362 for 900 hours) upon successful completion of their term. Campuses may also request a 1700-hour, full time Team Leader. This position helps to coordinate the team, receives a \$11,000/yr. stipend, and a \$4725 Education Award upon successful service completion.

*Things to have in place:*

- A campus-based supervisor to develop and maintain community (e.g. nonprofit, school, government agency) partnerships through memoranda of understanding, meetings, and phone calls;
- A community partner (local supervisor) for each off-campus work site;
- A work plan with goals, objectives, and direct service activities identified for each member;
- A fee-based system for placing students with off-campus entities (community partners should pay approximately \$500 per each 450-hour student member);
- 15% cash match payable to MTCC for all stipended Campus Corps members.

**How to:**

- Submit a work plan and request members from the MTCC Network Office; contact Shannon Stober or Josh Vanek [stober@mtcompact.org](mailto:stober@mtcompact.org) [vanek@mtcompact.org](mailto:vanek@mtcompact.org) (243-5177).

### 3. MAKE USE OF OTHER PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**MTCC VISTA** is a full-time, anti-poverty program that places full-time AmeriCorps\*VISTAs with campus-community partnerships. Cody Lillstrom ([lillstrom@mtcompact.org](mailto:lillstrom@mtcompact.org)) manages the program.

**Raise Your Voice** is a student civic engagement campaign that offers training and convenes student government leaders from across Montana. ([vanek@mtcompact.org](mailto:vanek@mtcompact.org), [stober@mtcompact.org](mailto:stober@mtcompact.org))

**Faculty Service-Learning In-Service Training:** Dean McGovern ([mcgovern@mtcompact.org](mailto:mcgovern@mtcompact.org)) trains faculty members and departments on incorporating service-learning into any curriculum, in order to deepen the learning experience and help students build community ties.

**Community Service Scholarships:** Contact Dean McGovern ([mcgovern@mtcompact.org](mailto:mcgovern@mtcompact.org)) Each year the Compact award 3 scholarships to Montana's exemplary, engaged students.

**Montana Athletes in Service:** Contact Dean McGovern ([mcgovern@mtcompact.org](mailto:mcgovern@mtcompact.org)) Each year, the Compact honors Students from MSU and UM at the Griz/Bobcat football game.

**The Carter Partnership Award:** Contact Dean McGovern ([mcgovern@mtcompact.org](mailto:mcgovern@mtcompact.org)) Every other year the Compact awards a Montana campus-community partnership with this prestigious award, national recognition and cash to both the campus and community partners.