

AmeriCorps Is Pleased to Offer:

FREE MONEY for Firefighters and First Responders



Often times our First Responders, the individuals who are responsible for the safety of our community, only receive attention and thanks during times of stress and trauma. It is our honor to manage a federal program which provides our First Responders with educational scholarships for every hour they already spend in service to their communities, not just during emergencies.

In other words, we have free money for First Responders – just for doing what you already do.

AmeriProCorps offers firefighters, law enforcement personnel, EMTs, disaster coordinators, emergency responders and community educators the opportunity to receive a \$1,250 education award for the hours they already serve each year.

Every hour you serve is counted towards the program and you are awarded the educational funds once you achieve the 450 hour annual service goal. These funds can go towards paying qualified student loans, college tuition, or even a qualified vocational school – and you have seven years to use the award.

If you're concerned you won't be able to meet the 450 hour obligation, we also offer a 300 hour annual service program for which you'll receive a \$1,000 education award. Remember, these are hours you already serve during drills, meetings, work details, emergency calls, public education events and drive-time back and forth. It averages out to under six hours a week for \$1,000 and under nine hours a week for a \$1,250 award.

“The AmeriProCorps program is a tremendous way to thank our First Responders for the hours they dedicate to serving others. The education grant is a great reward to every First Responder for simply doing what we’re passionate about: preserving the safety of our communities. It couldn’t be any easier to achieve.”

– Tiger Schmittendorf, Deputy Fire Coordinator for the Erie County Department of Emergency Services and Proud AmeriProCorps Member

Your service in community emergency preparedness is important to your neighbor down the street and to your nation. We want to thank you for your service with an AmeriProCorp education award.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ardie Reinard at 558-3327 to answer any questions and guide you through the process. AmeriProCorps is a program of Western New York AmeriCorps, serving WNY since 1992.

Thank you for all you do.

Ardie Reinard – AmeriProCorps Coordinator