

## **AmeriCorps Junior Counselor**

### **Who we are:**

St. Nicks Alliance, a North Brooklyn based community organization, seeks to transform lives of low- and moderate-income people through employment, education, housing, elder care and social services. We do this by delivering impactful services with measurable outcomes to children, adults, and the elderly. As a civic anchor, we carry out this mission within the context of building a sustainable community for all people through the arts, environmental advocacy, and urban planning.

We are currently seeking **AmeriCorps Junior Counselors** for multiple school sites in North Brooklyn.

### **What you'll do:**

St. Nicks Alliance AmeriCorps Members serve as junior counselors who play a pivotal role in the lives of 2000 at-risk youth (ages 2-13). AmeriCorps members are placed at 16 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 community centers in North Brooklyn to support the after-school programs with three basic needs around community wellness (academic support, SEL/Mental Health Support, and community and family engagement). Through mentorship, AmeriCorps members help the development of children's critical socio-emotional skills, including empathy, decision-making, community building, and conflict resolution.

Full-time AmeriCorps Members serve 1700 hours over 12 months, typically 5 days/week, 35 hours per week. Half-time AmeriCorps members have a modified schedule, serving 900 hours over 6-12 months. Based on hours of service, AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and a Segal Education Award to pay for college expenses, and in some cases, the college expenses of their children or grandchildren. Members will receive training prior to their placement and during their service year in order to successfully meet their service responsibilities.

Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Mentor and assist with the administration of a student caseload through regular check-ins, coaching, and other support. Students may need assistance with learning coping skills, how to deal with stress, regulating their emotions, managing conflict, and building healthy relationships
- Support socio-emotional and academic growth by helping to co-facilitate support groups and clubs
- Provide support in leading activities that align with the students' interests (sports, culinary arts, yoga, etc.)
- Provide weekly lessons for students using socio-emotional curriculum
- Foster community and family engagement through supporting program staff with family nights, SEL workshops, and community events
- Communicate regularly with the task supervisor to support student success
- Help develop an alumni group through outreach
- Help plan and implement service days, some may be on national holidays
- Complete related assignments to support the success of youth in the program
- Other duties as assigned by the AmeriCorps director and the site supervisor

### **What we are looking for:**

- Be at least 17 years old
- Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident.
- High school diploma
- Be subject to and pass criminal history checks
- Be able to serve approximately 20-35 hours/week
- Be able to accrue 1700 service hours (FT) or half-time (900) during the term of service
- Have the ability to relate to students from a variety of backgrounds and abilities
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) is a plus

**What's in it for you:**

- \$24,650 for Full Time AmeriCorps Members (1700 hours); \$13,050 for Half Time AmeriCorps Members (900 hours)
- Segal Education Award, upon successful completion of AmeriCorps service hours (valid for educational expenses, for up to 7 years)

**How to apply:**

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and a resume to [americorps@stnicksalliance.org](mailto:americorps@stnicksalliance.org) with “Americorps Junior Counselor” in the subject line.

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