

## WV Disaster Corps



*...is a Disaster Services program offered to in-state national service members through Volunteer West Virginia. AmeriCorps, VISTA & Senior Corps members can opt to participate during their service year. Disaster Corps Members train annually and can be deployed to assist with disaster response and recovery throughout the state. As a Disaster Corps Member, you will have an opportunity to:*

**IMPACT** West Virginia's ability to respond to human needs during disasters.

**HELP** with shelter and feeding operations, muck-outs, clean ups, debris removal, food and supply distribution, and volunteer management.

**GROW** disaster response and leadership skills at practice events or deployments.

**TRAIN** once per year in disaster response and recovery.

**NETWORK** with emergency response agencies including the American Red Cross.

**SERVE** West Virginia communities by helping those impacted by disaster.

**JOIN** a growing network of West Virginians dedicated to serving those in need!

**Sign Up for WV Disaster Corps today!**



# WV Disaster Corps Member Information

## How to Join

- Complete and submit the **Disaster Corps (DC) Member Application** with legible copies of your driver's license & car insurance to your AmeriCorps/VISTA/Senior Corps Program Director.

## Requirements:

- **Attend required Annual Disaster Training:** courses may include Shelter Operations, Damage Assessment, Field Safety, Fire Suppression and Safety, Disaster Volunteer Management, etc.
- **Sign-up** in the WV American Red Cross Volunteer System.
- **Arrange or deliver at least 1 disaster/safety training for people in your community**, which could include children or adults that you serve, other AC members and staff in the program, a community group, or the general public. **Note: DC Membership does NOT substitute for any required AmeriCorps Service Projects.**

## Deployment & Training Hours Count!

- Annual Disaster Corps Training, Emergency Exercises, and \*APPROVED Deployment hours count toward your AmeriCorps service!
- Deployment Hours MUST be Reported in OnCorps and to Volunteer WV.
- Deployments are capped at a 2-week maximum per service year.

## Costs & Reimbursement:

- Reimbursed for mileage and meals.
- FREE Lodging provided for training and deployments.
- Safety Gear provided.

*\*Approved Disaster Corps Deployments are those requested by Volunteer WV and pre-approved by the AmeriCorps Program Director and Member's Site Supervisor.*

For Questions about the WV Disaster Corps program, contact [Gina.L.Namay@wv.gov](mailto:Gina.L.Namay@wv.gov)





# WEST VIRGINIA DISASTER CORPS APPLICATION 2018-19 PROGRAM YEAR



APPLICANT INFORMATION	
MEMBER NAME:  <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps <input type="checkbox"/> VISTA <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Corps	AC/VISTA PROGRAM NAME:  COUNTY SERVIING IN:
CELL PHONE:	BEST METHOD OF CONTACT: <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> TEXT <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL
EMAIL (personal):	EMAIL (program site):
HOME ADDRESS (current):	CITY, STATE & ZIP:
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Phone#:

**Do you have experience with disaster or emergency response? Or other expertise you'd like to share (Social Work, CDL, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, etc.) Please describe it here:**

### Transportation & Experience

1. Do you have your own vehicle?
  2. Are you willing to drive your vehicle to a disaster response or recovery site?
- \*Submit a readable/clear copy of Driver's License and Car Insurance card with your signed application.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTHORIZATION TO REGISTER AS A WV DISASTER CORPS MEMBER

By signing above, I authorize Volunteer West Virginia to register me as a WV DISASTER CORPS member during my AmeriCorps Term of Service in West Virginia. I also agree to make every effort to deploy during my term of service; to log my disaster hours in OnCorps and to report my deployments as required by Volunteer WV; and affirm that I understand the following member requirements and protocols:

1. **Approved Deployments:** are those requested by Volunteer WV and approved by your AmeriCorps Program Director and Site Supervisor. DEPLOYMENTS are DISCRETIONARY, dependent on member availability, AmeriCorps program & Site Supervisor approval, and the overall terms of the deployment. Members are strongly encouraged to deploy if at all possible.
2. **Out of State Deployments are NOT Allowed.**
3. **Required registration in the American Red Cross Volunteer (ARC) system.** It is an online registration process that members complete before the annual disaster training. Once registered, you can expect to receive ARC e-mails about volunteer opportunities, trainings, local deployment opportunities, or other information.
4. **Required participation in the Annual Disaster training.** Lodging & meals provided. Travel will be reimbursed.
5. **Local deployment requests:** Local 1<sup>st</sup> Response Agencies or the American Red Cross may directly request assistance from Disaster Corps members for local emergencies. If so, two options are available for Disaster Corps members who want to participate:
  - a. USE your Free Time (not counted as AmeriCorps hours), OR
  - b. Receive approval IN ADVANCE from AmeriCorps Program Director & Site Supervisor to conduct this service during typical site hours and include service time on AmeriCorps (OnCorps) timesheet in the appropriate column.
6. **Exercises:** Members may have the opportunity to participate in state/local disaster exercises and drills.
7. **Counting Disaster Service Hours:** Members can count Disaster Corps Training, approved Exercises/Drills, and approved Deployment HOURS and related travel time, towards their AmeriCorps service requirement. *Self-deployments and additional disaster trainings (those conducted on your own time), DO NOT count towards your AmeriCorps service and are NOT counted in OnCorps (AmeriCorps time portal).*