

NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps Application 08/09



NORTH CAROLINA CAMPUS COMPACT

NC-ACTS!

North Carolina—Activating Citizenship Through Service!

“Fall 08/Spring 09” Application

A program that engages students as “key” volunteers and “mobilizers” of community service in Boone and the surrounding High Country.

Sponsored by ACT, North Carolina Campus Compact, and AmeriCorps

\$1,000 Education Award At End Of Service!

Please return completed application
to the ACT Community Outreach Center ASAP
Spring Application Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2008
Fall Application Deadline: Friday, Sept. 12, 2008

Note: Applications received first have priority!

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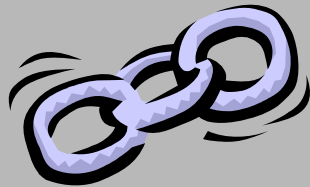


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Mission Statement

ACT's mission is directly in line with Appalachian State University's academic mission and strategic directions. Listed below are five main points which outline what we strive to accomplish through our work with ASU students, faculty members, and our community partners.

- ◆ To challenge students to embark on an inner journey of personal, intellectual, moral, and cultural development as they engage in service projects that meet the human needs and environmental concerns of Watauga County and northwest North Carolina.
- ◆ To raise students' awareness about crucial social concerns, encourage them to view themselves as part of the global community, and challenge them to seek solutions to the complex root causes of these systemic problems.
- ◆ To illustrate the powerful connection between theory and practice by integrating community service with academic coursework, thus augmenting the university's intellectual climate.
- ◆ To support and recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations, and classes whose actions and commitment enhance local community agencies' abilities to deliver services, thereby strengthening the relationship between Appalachian and the local community.
- ◆ To instill in students an ethic of caring, teach students about the importance of civic responsibility, and empower them to engage in active citizenship beyond graduation from ASU.



Community Service Coordinator, Jenny Koehn, coordinates the Community Service Work-Study Program, ASU's Alternative Spring Break program, annual ACT co-sponsored events, and works with student groups to find volunteer placements.

Service-Learning Coordinator, Shari Galiardi, works with ASU faculty members to integrate service into their curriculum in order to serve the needs of our community while making classroom theory come alive in a community service environment.

Community Partner Coordinator, Todd Mortensen, supports our community partner agencies and student volunteers. He provides training, keeps ACT up-to-date on the latest community needs, and helps students to get the most from their experience.

ACT's Graduate Assistants oversee the ACT Community Outreach Center, advise the impACT Team, and work closely with ACT staff to assist special programs and projects.

ACT's Peer Counselors assist individuals and groups with finding community service opportunities. They keep service opportunities up-to-date, provide one-on-one orientation to new ACT volunteers, and keep the Outreach Center running smoothly.

ACT Sponsored Annual Service Events

October: Dance Marathon

November: Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

January: The MLK Challenge; Internship & Volunteer Fair

February: Raise Your Voice Month

March: Alternative Spring Break

April: Earth Day Celebration; Don't Throw it Away Drive

General Responsibilities

You will serve as a “key” volunteer at a single community agency throughout the academic year. NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps members work to advance the missions of service agencies through direct service and help manage a variety of special projects aimed at increasing volunteer support in the community.

NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps members are required to complete 300 hours of volunteer time in order to be eligible for the \$1,000 education award.

Other tasks include:

- ◆ Attend NC-ACTS! Team Meetings, and other events as designated.
- ◆ Become a committed advocate for the mission/cause of your service agency.
- ◆ Serve as a liaison between community agencies, ACT, students and faculty members.
- ◆ Provide regular feedback and recommendations to ACT staff and community agencies.
- ◆ Help coordinate one “miniACT of Service” per semester (a small group service project advertised to general campus).



Important Notes!

Each person planning on being an NC-ACTS! member **must attend the Fall Orientation/Retreat. (Dates TBD)**

Each team member **must regularly attend NC-ACTS! meetings.** We will most likely meet on **Thursdays, 3:30-5pm.**

Each NC-ACTS! member is expected to serve a **total of 300 service hours** during the academic year.



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but the one thing I know; the only ones among you who will really be happy are those who will have sought and found a way to serve."

-Albert Schweitzer

"One is not born in the world to do everything but to do something..."

-Henry David Thoreau

"The past is our definition. We may strive, with good reason, to escape it, or to escape what is bad in it, but we will escape it only by adding something better to it."

-Wendell Berry

Basic Information

Please read entire information booklet BEFORE completing this application. Thank you!



Name: Work Study Eligible (Yes or No)
Career Interests: Do you have a car/access to one?
Academic Major: Email:
Year at ASU: Address:
Favorite Ice Cream: Phone (hm. & cell #s):

On a separate sheet of paper, please type answers to the following:

1. What interests you about being a NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps Team member?
2. What skills do you possess that would be an asset to this program? What skills do you hope to improve on or obtain by being a NC-ACTS! Team member?
3. Describe your previous experience(s) with community service and/or service-learning? How has service influenced you personally and/or academically? Please explain.
4. Which organization would you like to serve with for the year, or with which social issues, populations, etc. would you like to be involved?
5. Please list and describe any other priorities and/or time commitments (e.g., clubs, organizations, jobs, etc.) that you plan to factor into your schedule this year and any leadership positions you are/will be holding with those involvements.

Things to keep in mind when applying for NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps:

- ◆ Each member is required to regularly attend **NC-ACTS! meetings** (Thursdays 3:30-5pm).
- ◆ Each member is required to attend the **Fall Orientation, (dates TBD)** to get acquainted with team members and receive training for NC-ACTS! AmeriCorps.
- ◆ NC-ACTS! is a **big time commitment**. Team members must fulfill 300 hours of service over the course of the academic year in order to be eligible for the \$1,000 education award. Only those with **serious interest** in the program are encouraged to apply.

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**Please turn in to the ACT Community Outreach Center;
2nd Floor Student Union, near McAlisters Deli**

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