

Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Exit Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The information from these surveys will be used by the Michigan Community Service Commission to improve Michigan AmeriCorps programs and for reporting purposes. Your individual information will be not released and your responses will not affect your eligibility for AmeriCorps or your successful completion of service.

AmeriCorps Program Name _____

Participant Name _____

Participant Number [last 4 digits of Social Security only] _____ Age _____

Please circle the appropriate response below:

1. Did you successfully complete your AmeriCorps term of service? Yes _____ No _____ (go to 1a)
- 1a. If no, indicate the main reason you left the program
 - a) Got a job/expanded working hours
 - b) Unhappy with assigned tasks/program
 - c) Moved away
 - d) Unhappy with program supervisor/staff
 - e) Enrolled in school or the military
 - f) Asked to leave program by the project manager/dismissed
 - g) Other _____
2. If a friend was thinking about joining AmeriCorps...
 - a) I would strongly encourage him/her to join
 - b) I would encourage him/her to join
 - c) I would discourage him/her to join
 - d) I would strongly discourage him/her to join
3. Did you receive academic credit or a GED as a result of your participation? Yes _____ (go to 3a) No _____
- 3a. If yes, please indicate what you earned
 - a) GED certificate
 - b) College Credit Hours
 - c) Work study/Internship credit
 - d) CEUs (continuing education units)
 - e) Other _____
4. How likely are you to continue your education?
 - a) Very likely
 - b) Likely
 - c) Not likely
 - d) Not at all likely
 - e) Uncertain
5. How much did your AmeriCorps experience affect your decision about continuing your education?
 - a) Very much
 - b) Somewhat
 - c) Not much
 - d) Not at all
6. Do you plan to use your educational award?
Yes _____ (go to 6a) No _____ (go to 6b)
- 6a. If yes, how will you use your award?
 - a) Trade School
 - b) Community College
 - c) College/University (undergraduate)
 - d) College/University (graduate school)
 - e) Lifelong Learning or Informal education
 - f) Other _____
- 6b. If no, why not? (circle all that apply)
 - a) I have completed the education I desire or need
 - b) I cannot transfer the educational award to a family member or friend
 - c) Family or personal responsibilities don't allow me to return to school
 - d) Other _____
7. Have you secured a job for the time period following your AmeriCorps Service or have you enrolled in another year of national service?
Yes _____ (go to 7a and 7b) No _____
- 7a. If yes, please indicate which type of position
 - a) Another year of national service with AmeriCorps
 - b) Job at my AmeriCorps service site
 - c) Job in education
 - d) Job in government or public service
 - e) Job in the non-profit sector
 - f) Job in the business/corporate sector
 - g) Other _____
- 7b. If yes, was your job or position secured through contacts made through your term of AmeriCorps service?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

8. Please indicate the benefits (if any) that you received from participation in AmeriCorps. Circle all that apply.

- a) Received an educational scholarship
- b) Was part of a national movement/served my country
- c) Helped people/served my community
- d) Made new friends
- e) Learned about different cultural/ethnic (and other diverse) groups
- f) Explored future career or education interests
- g) Learned about public safety, education, environment, or health issues
- h) Gained communication & interpersonal skills
- i) Became more knowledgeable about my community
- j) Other _____

9. Do you plan to continue living in the community where you served? Yes _____ No _____ (go to 9a) Uncertain _____

9a. If no, do you plan to continue living in Michigan? Yes _____ No _____ Uncertain _____

The following questions relate to issues of citizenship and community involvement. The term community is used here to refer to the community in which you will provide AmeriCorps service. "Community" could be a local neighborhood, city, township, or small region (e.g. Flint, Traverse City).

10. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements

	Strongly Disagree		Uncertain		Strongly Agree
a) I know a great deal about education problems facing my community	1	2	3	4	5
b) I know which levels of government address which issues	1	2	3	4	5
c) I know how to analyze policies to see how they will impact me and my community	1	2	3	4	5
d) I am not sure what skills are required to be an effective citizen	1	2	3	4	5
e) I know how to become informed about important community issues, policies, or programs	1	2	3	4	5
f) I do not understand what rights are guaranteed by the Constitution	1	2	3	4	5
g) I can identify the three branches of national government	1	2	3	4	5
h) I know a great deal about environmental problems facing the community	1	2	3	4	5
i) I can name two local officials in my community	1	2	3	4	5

11. Please indicate how important the following obligations are to you:

	Not important		Somewhat Important		Very Important
a) Serving on a jury if called	1	2	3	4	5
b) Reporting a crime that you have witnessed	1	2	3	4	5
c) Participating in a neighborhood organization	1	2	3	4	5
d) Voting in local and state elections	1	2	3	4	5
e) Working to challenge racism	1	2	3	4	5
f) Voting in national elections	1	2	3	4	5
g) Keeping informed about news/public issues	1	2	3	4	5
h) Gaining as much personal wealth as possible	1	2	3	4	5

i)	Giving a percentage of my income to those in need	1	2	3	4	5
j)	Teaching others about policies and their effects	1	2	3	4	5
k)	Working to challenge discrimination based on weight, ability, religion, gender, or other reasons	1	2	3	4	5
l)	Protecting the environment	1	2	3	4	5
m)	Improving or protesting local and national policies	1	2	3	4	5
n)	Making sure the needs of people with disabilities are included in policies and programs	1	2	3	4	5
o)	Working to correct social or economic inequality	1	2	3	4	5

12. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

		Strongly Disagree		Uncertain		Strongly Agree
a)	I have good understanding of needs facing the community in which I serve	1	2	3	4	5
b)	I feel that I am a part of the community	1	2	3	4	5
c)	Being around people of who are from different racial/ethnic groups makes me uncomfortable	1	2	3	4	5
d)	I am willing to stand up for what I think is right, regardless of what people think	1	2	3	4	5
e)	My actions do not impact other people	1	2	3	4	5
f)	I can make my community a better place to live	1	2	3	4	5
g)	I feel comfortable speaking in front of a group of individuals in positions of authority	1	2	3	4	5
h)	I can influence what happens in individual community organizations	1	2	3	4	5
i)	I do not know how to mobilize resources to address community problems	1	2	3	4	5
j)	I can not affect other people's prejudices	1	2	3	4	5
k)	Laws and policies affect my everyday life	1	2	3	4	5
l)	I can help solve conflicts between community members or community groups	1	2	3	4	5
m)	I can challenge governmental policies that I think are unfair or wrong	1	2	3	4	5

13. Please indicate your confidence in your ability to get (or figure out how to get) the following activities accomplished in your community.

		Would not be able to do this		Might be able		Would be able to do this
a)	Get local government to fix a pothole in the street	1		2		3
b)	Get local government to build an addition to community center	1		2		3
c)	Organize an event to benefit a charity	1		2		3
d)	Organize a drive to get an issue on the ballot for local or state election	1		2		3
e)	Organize an annual clean-up program for the local park	1		2		3
f)	Start an after-school program for children whose parents work	1		2		3

14. Please indicate how often you have done the following activities in the past 12 months

	Never		Sometimes		Frequently
a) Signed a petition	1	2	3	4	5
b) Followed national politics or issues	1	2	3	4	5
c) Wrote a letter to an elected official	1	2	3	4	5
d) Worked for a political campaign	1	2	3	4	5
e) Organized a community project	1	2	3	4	5
f) Wrote the newspaper to express my view	1	2	3	4	5
g) Attended a political rally or protest	1	2	3	4	5
h) Organized a community event	1	2	3	4	5
i) Talked to others about community or political issues	1	2	3	4	5
j) Volunteered twice per month	1	2	3	4	5
k) Worked with others to improve/fix something in my neighborhood or community	1	2	3	4	5
l) Boycotted a company or product	1	2	3	4	5
m) Participated on a community board	1	2	3	4	5
n) Joined or participated in a civic or social organization	1	2	3	4	5
o) Found information about an important issue in my community	1	2	3	4	5

15. Did you vote in the 2000 Presidential Election? Yes _____ No _____ (go to 15a)

15a. Were you eligible to vote? Yes _____ No _____

16. Did you vote in your most recent local election? Yes _____ No _____ (go to 16a)

16a. Were you eligible to vote? Yes _____ No _____

17. Please indicate how likely are you to do the following activities in the two years after AmeriCorps.

	Not at all likely		Somewhat Likely		Very Likely
a) Volunteer regularly (twice per month)	1	2	3	4	5
b) Run for public office or work on a political campaign	1	2	3	4	5
c) Get involved in an organization that promotes specific policies	1	2	3	4	5
d) Work in a career that involves social change	1	2	3	4	5
e) Work for a non-profit or for the government	1	2	3	4	5
f) Work to make a difference in the lives of others	1	2	3	4	5
g) Try to get corporations or organizations to act in socially responsible ways	1	2	3	4	5
h) Donate a percentage of my income to charity	1	2	3	4	5

18. Michigan's AmeriCorps program wants members to be knowledgeable and active participants in community and civic life. Which of the opportunities or activities below (if any) were important in helping you accomplish this? If the opportunity or activity was not provided, please circle 9.

	Not important		Somewhat Important		Very Important		Not provided
a) Coaching/supervision from AmeriCorps staff	1	2	3	4	5		9
b) Coaching/supervision from service site supervisors	1	2	3	4	5		9
c) Opportunity to serve with others	1	2	3	4	5		9
d) Training provided by AmeriCorps program or MCSC	1	2	3	4	5		9
e) Opportunity to learn and apply skills during service year (e.g. project management, conflict resolution)	1	2	3	4	5		9
f) Training provided by service site	1	2	3	4	5		9

g)	Opportunity to discuss and reflect on issues with others	1	2	3	4	5		9
h)	Opportunity to see the outcomes of my service efforts	1	2	3	4	5		9
i)	Opportunity to work with community leaders or role models	1	2	3	4	5		9
j)	Other	1	2	3	4	5		