



Up2Us AmeriCorps Coach at America SCORES Cleveland

About the Up2Us Coach Program

Founded in 2010, Up2Us Sports is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring youth to achieve their potential by providing them with coaches trained in positive youth development. We do this by identifying, training and supporting coaches in their communities who bring sports-based youth development to the most underserved communities. The Up2Us Coach and Up2Us Training programs empower youth-based organizations across the country to become a united force for meaningful change. Up2Us Coach is the first national service program to identify and train young adults to coach and mentor kids in low income communities. Coaches are trained in youth development and mentoring strategies to promote physical activity, healthy living, and good decision making, while cultivating caring, trust-based relationships with the youth they serve.

About AmeriCorps State and National

AmeriCorps State and National programs provide thousands of Americans each year the opportunity to improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service. Funded by the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency, AmeriCorps works hand in hand with local partners, tapping the ingenuity and can-do spirit of the American people to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing our nation.

CNCS invests in thousands of nonprofit and faith-based groups that are making a difference across the country. Up2Us Sports is a proud member of the AmeriCorps community.

AmeriCorps members are not employees of the Program or of the federal government. The definition of "participant" in the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended applies to AmeriCorps members. As such, "a participant (member) shall not be considered to be an employee of the Program in which the participant (member) is enrolled" ((42 U.S.C. 12511(30) (B)). Moreover, members are not allowed to perform an employee's duties or otherwise displace employees, and therefore generally not eligible to receive unemployment compensation.

About America SCORES Cleveland

America SCORES is the nation's only after school program that empowers students in urban communities using soccer, writing, creative expression, and service-learning. America SCORES inspires urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world. America SCORES Cleveland provides unique after school and summer programming for 1,000 youth, teaching soccer, creative writing, and service-learning to measurably improve fitness, literacy, and community engagement.

Member Title:	AmeriCorps Coach with Up2Us Sports	
Service Term:	Start Date: June 1, 2021 - End Date: May 31, 2022	
Host Site Name:	America SCORES Cleveland	
Services Hours:	Total Hours: 900	Weekly Hours: 25
Up2Us Sports Program Manager:	Frank Nares	
Host Site Supervisor:	Matthew Williams	
AmeriCorps Living Allowance:	\$7, 770.00	
Segal Service Award:	\$3,097.50	
Program Type:	Out-Of-School Time Programming	
Program Association:	AmeriCorps National Direct	

Up2Us Coaches serving through AmeriCorps must complete their assigned term of service listed above not to exceed a 12 month period. During the term of service, the coach will serve in a direct service role. ***Please note this is a half-time AmeriCorps placement.***

Duties and Responsibilities

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist program staff in providing high quality youth sports development and literacy programming
- Lead team of 15 students in soccer and health programming at one of America SCORES' school sites
- Assist or substitute for America SCORES soccer or writing coaches for practices and lessons as needed
- Distribute and collect supplies from our school partners (uniforms, evaluations, etc.)
- Communicate regularly with coaches at the schools to ensure program quality
- Attend and participate in coach trainings
- Assist with the collection and inputting of program evaluation data
- Assist with student-centered service-learning projects throughout the community
- Oversee game day logistics and referee soccer games
- Assist in the planning of the America SCORES Cleveland Fall Frenzy event
- Lead soccer camps during the summer and winter (occasionally on weekends)

Additionally, the AmeriCorps Up2Us Coach will:

- Encourage participants to gain and develop life skills, knowledge, and techniques through sport, using lessons learned at Up2Us Sports' best in class training events
- Act as a role model, gaining the respect and trust of the community and youth served
- Up2Us AmeriCorps Coaches must complete the following requirements to ensure successful completion of the AmeriCorps program:
 - Complete the minimum required hours of service and training by last day of coach contract
 - Attend the Up2Us Coach orientation
 - Complete of bi-weekly timesheets
 - Attend a day of service
 - Attend/participate in Up2Us Sports trainings, meetings, and special initiatives
 - Attend Coach Training Institute (date to be announced by Program Manager)
- Uniform Policy: Coaches must wear Up2Us Sports branded t-shirts provided by Up2Us Sports with AmeriCorps logo when coaching and at program sessions and events

Member Eligibility & Qualifications

AmeriCorps is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents.

Members must be 18 years old, or 17 with written parental/guardian consent.

Members must have, or be working toward a High School diploma, GED, or its equivalent.

Qualifications/eligibility requirements:

- Ability to commit to minimum of 900 hours of service June, 2021 – May 2022
- Some college/or college degree preferred
- At least three years of experience in at least one sport; soccer experience preferred
- Experience coaching and instructing youth programs
- Access to reliable transportation, as program sites are scattered throughout Cleveland
- Excellent organizational ability and ability to work well under pressure
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills among diverse constituents
- Dependable, flexible, sense of humor

Restrictions on Eligibility for Benefits

If a candidate has participated in:

- Two full-time service terms or their equivalent, the candidate will be ineligible for a third Education Award or other in-service and after-service benefits.

Additionally, a candidate cannot serve if:

- Failed to disclose to Up2Us Sports any history of having been released for compelling personal circumstances or for cause from another AmeriCorps program, this will render him/her ineligible to receive the Education Award and may render the Coach ineligible for service with the Program.
- Released for cause from another AmeriCorps program but was released having performed satisfactorily, the candidate may still be eligible for participation in the Program. However, this eligibility does not guarantee selection or placement.
- Served four AmeriCorps National Direct or State service terms previously, regardless of whether those terms were served on a full or part-time basis. The candidate is ineligible to serve after four terms.

Application Submissions/Inquiries

Inquiries should be directed to:

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