

Benefits of Peace Corps Service - Support While Volunteers Serve

Travel

Peace Corps takes care of Volunteers' travel to and from the United States to the host country at the start of and the completion of service.

Stipend

Peace Corps pays Volunteers a monthly stipend to cover expenses such as food, local travel, and incidentals. Peace Corps also covers their housing costs.

Time Off

Volunteers accrue two vacation days per month of service, along with their host country's holidays.

Medical & Dental Care

The Peace Corps provides, or completely covers, the costs for all necessary medical and dental care during training, service, and vacation, including preventive care, required medications, emergency care, and care relating to pre-existing conditions.

Student Loan Assistance

Volunteers qualify for the Department of Education Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Several federal programs and private loans may also qualify for further deferment or forgiveness. Ask your lender or [click here](#).

Benefits of Service - Success After They Serve

Transition Funds

Upon completing service, Peace Corps Volunteers will receive up to \$10,000 (pre-tax) to help them resettle and prepare for life after Peace Corps service. Peace Corps Response Volunteers will receive at least \$400 (pre-tax) for every month served.

Graduate School Benefits

Returned Volunteers qualify for reduced or even free tuition, assistantships, and stipends at 120+ campuses through the [Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program](#).

Professional Skills

Peace Corps Volunteers demonstrate to employers and admissions offices international
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Improvement Unit at Peace Corps headquarters. Medical officers take part in continuing medical education in order to be up to date on current practices.

Medical staff provide basic medical supplies, train Volunteers on how to stay healthy, and deliver primary care as needed. If a health problem cannot be treated locally, the Peace Corps will pay for the Volunteer to travel and get treatment at a regional facility or in the United States.

Volunteers are also eligible for benefits under the Federal Employee Compensation Act for most injuries or illnesses that occur during Peace Corps service.

Emergencies at Home

The Peace Corps has mechanisms that operate 24/7 to notify a Volunteer of a family emergency at home.

If there's a death in a Volunteer's immediate family—a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or grandchild by blood, marriage, or adoption—the Peace Corps allows a two-week leave period and pays for the Volunteer's round-trip travel home.

Emergencies Abroad

Each Peace Corps host country has a specific emergency action plan in case of natural disasters, civil unrest, and other events that may create safety risks.

The Peace Corps also has devoted in-country safety and security managers who are available 24/7 to offer Volunteers support in case of an emergency. During their training, Volunteers learn who they can contact, what to do, and where to go if they ever feel unsafe.

Learn more about safety and security at peacecorps.gov/safety.

Be sure to check out [Peace Corps Family and Friends on Facebook](#) to connect with other parents, friends, and family members of currently serving Volunteers.