



“I Have A Dream” Boulder Service Description Notre Dame AmeriCorps Member – Pre-Collegiate AmeriCorps Member

Host Site: “I Have A Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County (“I Have A Dream”)

The “I Have A Dream”/AmeriCorps partnership is the result of a collaboration between “I Have A Dream,” Notre Dame Mission Volunteers (NDMV), and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). “I Have A Dream” is an economic empowerment program, whose aim is to prevent high-school dropout and engage low-income students in post-secondary success through a long-term, whole-child approach to access education. “I Have A Dream” is seeking applicants for 40 full-time AmeriCorps positions for a September through July service term.

AmeriCorps Members will help further our ability to deliver services to the youth in our program (“Dreamer Scholars”) and their families. The “I Have A Dream” Foundation has a number of active classes across Boulder and Weld counties, serving hundreds of Dreamers in the 1st through 12th grades and Dreamers pursuing post-secondary education. More info on our specific programs is available at www.ihadboulder.org

Service Location: Boulder is an extremely vibrant and outdoorsy city that boasts close to 70,000 acres of open space and over 90 miles of trails in a community of roughly 100,000. With over 300 days of sunshine per year, there is always something fun to do in Boulder! Amongst all the beauty and nature, Boulder’s affluent community is experiencing the largest gap between high income and high poverty in Colorado. In these hidden, low-income communities, youth are faced with tremendous obstacles to academic and life success. Serving in Boulder County with the “I Have A Dream” Foundation means providing the youth we serve with the necessary support and trusting relationships they need to close the opportunity gap with their more affluent peers and complete high school prepared for higher education and a fulfilling career.

Title: Pre-Collegiate AmeriCorps Member

Reports to: College and Career Director

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate the development and implementation of the CU Pre-Collegiate Residential Program
- With the College Department staff, research and develop curriculum around college/career readiness and postsecondary opportunity, and build post-secondary partnerships to increase college visibility and awareness
- In partnership with Program Directors and partnership agencies, manage Saturday Academy workshops focused on college readiness and expectations, college/scholarship essay writing, and financial aid
- Assist in data collection and input for Dream Big partner organizations as it relates to the COSI grant
- Plan and implement pre-collegiate lessons, and support high school and college students in exploring post-secondary college and career options
- Connect with high school and college offices to strengthen partnerships
- Act as a positive role model and provide personal guidance. Provide support and encouragement to students; encourage high academic standards and emotional growth. Be consistent, dependable and keep promises made to each student
- Assist in supervising and coordinating volunteer college tutors and mentors

Stipend and Benefits: **Full-time member** – responsible for 11 months of service, a **minimum** of 1,700 hours of service during the year will receive the following:

- A **living allowance** of **\$13,992** (pre-tax) over the course of the year
- A National Service Trust **Education Award** of **\$5,920** (pre-tax) after the successful completion of the term of service which can be used for post-secondary education, vocational school, graduate school, or to pay back student loans
- Level of service averages **40 hours per week**; evening and weekend service required in exchange for flexible time off
- **Health insurance** as part of the AmeriCorps health plan
- **Child care**, if eligible

Pre-Collegiate AmeriCorps Will Primarily Work/Collaborate With:

- College and Career Department staff
- Other AmeriCorps members and “I Have a Dream” staff
- High school and college students
- Boulder Valley School District
- St. Vrain Valley School District
- Boulder business community and organizations
- Local colleges and universities
- Other state and local community partners

Training Opportunities Provided:

- Initial 2-week AmeriCorps Training / Orientation to “I Have a Dream” and NDMVA
- Leadership & Communication
- Diversity & Cultural Competency
- Motivational Interviewing
- Suicide prevention, Abuse Reporting
- Health, Wellness, Nutrition
- Literacy, Math, Tutoring, and Academic Programming Techniques
- Serving low-income, and at-risk youth
- Lesson planning & Classroom Management
- Bi-Monthly on-site AmeriCorps meetings/workshops
- Others as scheduled

Meeting Schedule:


- Bi-Weekly Notre Dame AmeriCorps Boulder meetings
- Bi-Monthly “I Have a Dream” Staff Meetings
- Weekly Supervisor/Site Team Meetings
- Partnering Agency meetings as scheduled

Requirements: To be eligible to serve as an AmeriCorps Member, one must be at least 17 years of age; be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien; and have a high school diploma or GED. NDMVA prefers that members be at least 21 years of age.

Selection Criteria: We are seeking self-motivated, compassionate applicants who enjoy working with young people and diverse individuals, including Dreamers, their families, “I Have a Dream” staff and sponsors, teachers and school administrators, and members of the community. A bachelor’s degree and/or equivalent experience in education or human services, and bilingual in Spanish is **preferred**. A clear driving record and a vehicle are required. “I Have a Dream” is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We will conduct the review and interview process until all positions are filled. AmeriCorps applications, resumes and references will be considered as they are received. If you are interested in applying, please submit an online application – instructions are available at www.ndmva.org. You may also contact:

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** The actual start date is dependent on annual approval of federal funding, and on the grant funding cycle, which is determined by the Corporation for National and Community Service.*