

Up2Us AmeriCorps Coach at Lacrosse the Nations

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:

Lacrosse the Nations is a 501c3 sport-for-development nonprofit using lacroses to improve education and health, while creating opportunity and hope for youth around the world. Our after-school lacrosse programs focus on teaching the life-skills (e.g. teamwork, communication, respect, response to failure) we inherently learn through sport in a more explicit manner. Our goal is to use the lacrosse field to set up the youth of our programs for success as adults and develop them in to role-models and leaders within their community. Over the past 10 years we have done this extremely well at our site in Nicaragua and hope to do the same with the support of an Up2Us coach in Charlottesville.

Member Title	Service Term	
AmeriCorps Coach with Up2Us Sports	Start Date: January 2020	
	End Date: December 2020	
Host Site Name	Hours	
Lacrosse the Nations - Charlottesville	Total Hours: 900	
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Up2Us Sports Program Lead	Host Site Supervisor	
	Javier Silva	
Program Manager/Director, Up2Us Sports	,	

AmeriCorps Living Allowance & Segal Service Award	Program Type	Program Association
Living Allowance: \$7, 770.00 (Half-Time) Segal Service Award: \$3,097.50 (Half-Time)		AmeriCorps National Direct
Principal Duties and Responsibilities		

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.

The LtN/Up2Us Coach is responsible for all aspects of LtN programming. Responsibilities include:

- Inspire youth to love, participate in and value sport (specifically lacrosse).
- Act as a positive role model who demonstrates the character traits & life skills LtN teaches us LtN's Life Skills Curriculum.
- Plan and execute lacrosse and other physical education programming at LtN's home and partner sites.
- Collaborate with our partners (Boys & Girls Club of Central VA) in the execution of any events and programming they host at their site.
- Track and evaluate LtN's sports, and education program metrics.
- Identify, gather, and create content for LtN's marketing and digital communications.
- Recruitand evaluate volunteers for your LtN site.
- Host and assist in the management of short-term volunteers and summer interns.

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
- Perform data collection activities, as directed by your Up2Us Sports Program Manager
- 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:

- Completion of the minimum required hours of service and training by last day of coach contract
- Attendance at the Up2Us Coach orientation
- Completion of bi-weekly timesheets
- Attendance at 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.

List specific site qualifications/eligibility requirements:

- Experience with or demonstrated interest in working with kids.
- Passionate interest in sports (especially lacrosse); experience in coaching is a plus.
- Strong relationship-building and collaboration skills, both professionally and personally.
- High level of patience and flexibility.
- Ability to work autonomously, with limited direct supervision.
- Possesses excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrates the ability and willingness to work outdoors in an active setting.

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:

Host Site Supervisor Name, Title: Javier Silva, Executive Director

Host Site Organization Name: Lacrosse the Nations

Host Site Supervisor Email, Phone: jsilva@lacrossethenations.org