

Gap year programs are a great way for recent graduates to get experience and provide valuable service. Whether you are teaching elementary children, serving as a park ranger, or providing health screenings to patients, there are countless opportunities for you to serve others in a **full-time, paid capacity**. A comprehensive list follows:

Governments Organizations | Federal programs providing services at home & abroad

- ★ **AmeriCorps** (<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do>)
AmeriCorps is a national service program that connects more than 70,000 Americans annually with more than 2,000 nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based and community organizations that address the nation's needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. It is a 9-12 month position.
- ★ **City Year** (<https://www.cityyear.org>)
City Year brings together young adults from diverse backgrounds for a year of community service, leadership development, and civic engagement in one of 18 U.S. communities and South Africa.
- ★ **National Health Service Corps** (<https://nhsc.hrsa.gov>)
The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is committed to improving the health of the Nation's underserved and students may seek scholarships and clinical experience at an NHSC site.
- ★ **Peace Corps** (<https://www.peacecorps.gov>)
Peace Corps volunteers serve for two years in one of 74 countries working in a wide variety of areas like health, HIV/AIDS, agriculture, health, IT, youth outreach, business and community development and the environment.

Service Corps | Addressing international, environmental, adoption, poverty, hunger & other issues

- **BUNAC (International)** (<https://www.bunac.org/>)
- **Green Corps** (<https://greencorps.org>)
- **Heifer Project International** (<https://www.heifer.org>)
- **N Street Village (DC)** (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>)
- **NETWORK (DC)** (<https://networklobby.org>)
- **SCA (Student Conservation Association)** (<https://www.thesca.org>)

Catholic:

- **Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS)** (<https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org>)
Includes 200 domestic and international volunteer/lay mission programs with more than 10,000 volunteers serving in the U.S. and 108 countries. Click on the **For Volunteers tab > prospective volunteers** to search all opportunities

Muslim:

- **ICNA Relief (Islamic Circle of North America)** (<https://www.icnarelief.org>)
- **Muslim American Society Service Corps**
(<https://www.muslimamericansociety.org>)
- **Muslim Public Service Network** (<http://muslimpublicservice.org>)

Jewish:

- **Avodah Jewish Volunteer Corps** (<https://avodah.net>)
- **American Jewish World Service** (<https://ajws.org>)
World Partners Fellowship is geared specifically to recent college grads
- **Jewish Coalition for Service** (<https://werepair.org>)

Ecumenical or Interdenominational (Christian-based):

- **Brethren Volunteer Service** (<http://www.brethren.org/bvs>)
- **Christian Appalachian Project** (<http://www.christianapp.org>)
- **Christian Brothers Lay Volunteer Program**
(<http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org/program/christian-brothers-lay-volunteer-program>)
- **Episcopal Urban Intern Program** (<http://episcopalservicecorps.org/programs/euip/>)
- **Evangelical Lutheran** (Church in American – Global Mission)
(<http://www.elca.org>)
- **Hearts Home USA** (<http://heartshome.org>)
- **International Service Corps** (Southern Baptist) (<https://iesc.org>)
- **Jackson Servant Leadership Corps.** (<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition/dpol/awards/1704>)
- **Johnson Intern Program (NC)** (<http://cbee.oregonstate.edu/johnson-internship>)
- **L'Arche** (<https://www.larcheusa.org>)
- **Lutheran Volunteer Corps** (<http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org>)
- **Mission Year** (<https://www.missionyear.org>)
- **QUEST** (Quaker) (<http://quest-seattle.org>)
- **Reformed Church in America** (Volunteer Services) (<http://www.rca.org/volunteers>)
- **Samaritan Inns**
(<https://www.samaritaninns.org>)
- **SCN Lay Mission Volunteer Program** (<https://scnfamily.org>)
- **Servant Year** (<https://www.servantyearphila.org>)
- **Share Foundation With the Handicapped** (<http://www.sharefoundation.org>)
- **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission** (<https://www.cnumc.org/umvolunteersinmission>)
- **Urban Promise Ministries** (<https://www.urbanpromise.org>)
- **Urban Servant Corps** (<http://www.servantcorps.org>)
- **Volunteer Ministries** (United Church of Christ) (<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer>)
- **Young People Who Care, Inc.** (<http://www.ypwcministries.org>)

General Resources & Directories | Sites that include a clearinghouse of service opportunities

- ★ **Idealist.org** (<https://www.idealist.org>)
A directory of full-time opportunities (as well as volunteer and part-time positions) charitable organizations and social service agencies. Search their directory of 60,000+ organizations located in every country of the world. Site also includes information on non-profit salaries, links to U.S. career fairs and much, much more.
- ★ **RESPONSE Directory** (<https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/search-program>)
The largest and most comprehensive guide to Catholic and Christian volunteer service programs. The directory allows you to search by type of placement, region, state, country, length of service, size of program and more!