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- We have had many successful service programs that offer modest stipends, ranging from the Civilian Conservation Corps in the New Deal to the Peace Corps and VISTA today.
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- The proposal also supports a variety of traditional voluntary efforts. It includes support for K-12 service learning programs, which instill an ethic of service in youth that can last a lifetime. It includes assistance for the Points of Light Foundation, to extend its activities in support of volunteer service. And the legislation will support the RSVP, which involves retired seniors in service. In addition, some stipended participants in the new program will organize other volunteers who receive no support -- stimulating traditional volunteer service.
- National service won't "crowd out" voluntary efforts. What the program will do is to offer a new source of assistance to the voluntary sector; to build greater public-private partnerships; and to encourage Americans to support the non-profit sector, by making its efforts and its nonbureaucratic spirit the heart of the new initiative.

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