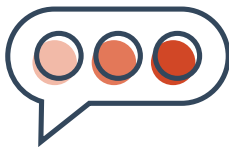




A Better You.  
A Greater Us.

# How it Works

Finding a service year opportunity that is right for you can take some time, but here are three easy steps to help you find your way.



Step 1.

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

If a service year seems like an opportunity for you to explore, click 'Join' in the upper right-hand corner of your browser. Already registered? Go you! Tell us a bit about yourself and complete your profile.

To find the best service year experience for you, we need you to tell us a little bit about your background, education, interests and when you are available to do a service year. This information will not only help us match you with service year opportunities that seem like a good fit, but it will also help you stand out from the crowd to organizations. Remember, organizations are actively looking for candidates like you – so make sure your profile is complete and polished! And, don't hesitate to brag a little.

Not ready to serve until later down the road? That's okay! It's important to complete your profile so you can see the types of opportunities available to plan for your future.

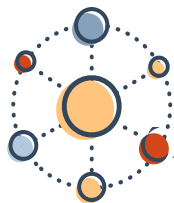


Step 2.

## GET MATCHED WITH OPPORTUNITIES

Once your profile is ready to go, start searching for service year opportunities that interest you. You can always update here the issue areas you are interested in, where you want to serve, or if your availability changes.

You will be matched to service year experiences that fit your education level and interests – check them out under "My Matches."



Step 3.

## CONNECT WITH ORGANIZATIONS

See a service year listing you like? You can click "Save" to come back and review it later, or – when you're ready – tell the organization "I'm interested", and they'll get a notification about your interest in their service year position.

Some organizations will respond and let you know they think you are a good match. You'll see these responses in your "My Dashboard" under "My Matches". Don't be discouraged if you don't hear back from an organization! If you're interested, simply take the next step on your own and apply (by clicking "Apply" on the service year listing or by clicking "Visit Website" to apply directly with the organization.)

Another fun fact is that organizations are actively searching for people like you. They may reach out to you directly if they think you're a good fit and ask that you consider applying for their service year opportunity – another reason to make sure your profile is complete and polished!

You can even connect with them directly by clicking "Apply" and starting the application.

The duration of the application process varies between programs – some are quick and accept applicants in a matter of a few weeks while some can take up to several months. Keep in mind, start and end dates for each service year will vary depending on the opportunity as well.

It is all worth the wait though! Once you've applied and been accepted to an opportunity, your organization will "Enroll" you and you'll be on your way to starting your life-changing service year experience. You'll have a chance to connect with other service year corps members in your program and in your city and start sharing your service year stories!



Still have questions about how this all works? Want to talk with a service year alum and hear first-hand about the service year experience? Chat with us using the **orange chat icon** on [serviceyear.org](https://serviceyear.org).