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What is the National Partnership for Student Success?

The National Partnership for Student Success (NPSS) supports a nationwide three-year effort that brings together experienced organizations to recruit, screen, train, support, and engage an additional 250,000 caring people in evidence-based roles serving as [tutors](#), [mentors](#), [student success coaches](#), [wraparound service coordinators](#), and [post-secondary transition](#) coaches by 2025. Individuals nationwide are invited to join this call to action and support students through a range of full or part time job, volunteer, and AmeriCorps national service opportunities.

Whether you know exactly what you want to do post-graduation, or are still figuring it out, working or serving as a tutor, mentor, student success coach, wraparound student support coordinator or post-secondary transition coach for a PreK-12 student—through the [National Partnership for Student Success](#)—can help jumpstart your future while making a positive impact on young people.

Why Serve?

You can earn money to help offset the cost of your education while impacting communities in meaningful ways and developing leadership and professional skills that will help you advance in your career after college—regardless of the career pathway or sector that you choose.

Make an Impact.

We know that when students feel connected to and are known by at least one adult at school, they perform better academically, are more engaged, and stay in school. When you serve as a tutor, mentor, success coach, post-secondary transition coach, or other support role, you help ensure that all young people have the relationships and resources they need to succeed in school and beyond.

As young adults not far removed from your own time in school, you are uniquely able to develop authentic, trusting relationships with young people, model what is possible for them, and help them chart their course to get there.

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Invest in Your Development and Stand Out to Future Employers.

Regardless of whether you want to make a career out of working with youth, working or volunteering in one of these roles helps you jumpstart your career and stand out to future employers.

Employers from all sectors value the skills, mindsets, and agency that young adults develop through their service experiences. The World Economic Forum, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, CASEL, and The College Transition Network have each [identified the most critical personal and workplace success skills](#) that are desired by 21st century employers: teamwork & relationship building, problem-solving, compromise, addressing conflict, communication, time management, and creativity among others.

Young adults serving as tutors, mentors, success coaches, postsecondary transition coaches, and in other youth-serving roles build these in-demand skills as they work to tackle complex problems and build meaningful relationships with people of different backgrounds, perspectives, and work styles.

In addition to developing your skills, supporting PreK-12 children and youth at a local school or nonprofit adds valuable work experience to your resume and offers the opportunity to build your professional network, which could lead to job offers post-service and/or references that can help you secure a position elsewhere in the future.

Offset the Cost of Your Education.

Working to support young people in your community is a great way to help pay for school or pay forthcoming student loans.

“All the **basic group skills that I felt that were lacking on my professional side I developed as a [student success coach]”**

– Student Success Coach Alum

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Part-Time Work Study Jobs:

Many college and university students across the country have the opportunity to use [federal work study](#) awards. Different from grants or scholarships, these awards provide part-time jobs for students with [financial need](#), allowing them to earn money to help pay for college and living expenses, often through work in local schools and community organizations. College students must complete the [FAFSA](#) in order for their college or university to determine whether they are eligible for a federal work study award. Importantly, wages received from federal work study roles do not count toward your income for FAFSA and will not reduce any future student aid you receive. Reach out to your school's financial aid department and/or check your school's student employment webpage to see if your school offers federal work study roles supporting students in local schools and community organizations and learn more about the specific opportunities offered.

You can also learn more about the [NPSS Higher Education Coalition](#) and some of the colleges and universities committed to helping work study students serve as tutors, mentors and other PreK-12 student support roles.

AmeriCorps Roles:

Serving with [AmeriCorps](#)—a federal agency that engages Americans in service through a variety of stipended volunteer work programs—offers many benefits to members and alumni including professional development, a modest living allowance to cover basic expenses, and connection to a passionate alumni network. In addition to these benefits, AmeriCorps alumni also receive support for furthering their education through the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award and access to schools for national service.

“My service experience as an AmeriCorps member prepared me in that I learned a lot of foundational skills and had a safe and supportive environment to put those skills into practice.”

- Current teacher and AmeriCorps alum

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Work Study Spotlight: Young Scholars Program at Rhodes State College

The [Young Scholars Program](#), a partnership between Rhodes State College and local middle and high schools, provides potential first-generation college-going students with a variety of resources to help prepare them for college and career pathways beginning the eighth grade through their high school graduation and college enrollment. Rhodes State College employs college students through Federal Work-Study to serve as postsecondary transition coaches and mentors for youth participating in the program. Having often come from the same community, these college students are especially well-positioned to foster meaningful connections with the Young Scholars participants through relatable experiences.

- The [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) is offered to individuals who complete a term of service with AmeriCorps and can be used to pay for a number of educational expenses including paying qualified student loans or future tuition payments.
- Through [Schools of National Service](#), colleges and universities across the country acknowledge the value of service by offering education award matches or other financial incentives to support AmeriCorps alumni, along with access to a large alumni network.

“As I have entered a leadership role, I have seen several students from various majors volunteer in the school systems and they have loved it. They have come out with **skills in communicating with children, leadership and responsibility. This is something that should be taken advantage of and implemented in more universities.”**

- AmeriCorps Tutoring Alum

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AmeriCorps Spotlight: Jumpstart's College Corps at George Washington University

Jumpstart is a national nonprofit that recruits and trains college students to implement its early childhood education curriculum in preschools in underserved communities. In partnership with AmeriCorps and nearly 100 universities around the country, Jumpstart provides language, literacy, and social-emotional programming for young children to promote quality early learning. George Washington University (GW) offers [a strong example of a Jumpstart partnership](#). Jumpstart recruits, trains, and supports GW students, many of whom receive federal work-study funding, to serve in Washington D.C. area early childhood classrooms and community settings to support children's kindergarten readiness.

- Find out more about the benefits of serving with AmeriCorps [here](#).
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