



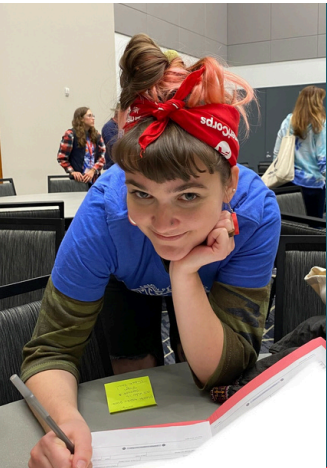
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The Impact of the WV AmeriCorps Tuition Waiver



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High Rocks is currently operating the second-largest AmeriCorps program in WV. For the 2022-2023 program year our partner organizations reported 100% improved efficiency, effectiveness, and/or reach due to their AmeriCorps member.



The High Rocks-led WV AmeriCorps Tuition Waiver (SB 228), a year of school for a year of service, was **nationally-groundbreaking legislation** passed in 2022. Of AmeriCorps members completing a survey at the state swearing-in ceremony in Fall 2023, **47%** knew about this waiver. Of those, **90%** said the tuition waiver was a factor in their decision to serve.

Financial resources are the number one barrier to degree completion reported by these AmeriCorps members, and most plan to use their waiver to enroll in higher education in the next 1-5 years.

In 2022, AmeriCorps programs providing critical community capacity across West Virginia reported a 60% recruitment effort, and only one year later, those same program directors reported nearly 100% recruitment across the state.



49 of our AmeriCorps members (out of 60) last year entered the program from an unemployment situation. 100% of our AmeriCorps members who completed our exit survey (44 of 60) went on to jobs or continuing education and training.

≈30% entered directly into the workforce

≈45% returned for another AmeriCorps term

≈25% went into higher education training