

# Is Reading Corps Right For You?

## ND READING CORPS

### What We'll Ask of You:

**Commitment.** By accepting a position as a Reading Corps Tutor, you are making a commitment to your students. We rely on you for the whole 10-month term of service, from August through May. Depending on your availability, you can choose to be either a Half Time (900 hours) or Reduced Half Time (675 hours) tutor.

**Participation.** Through several training sessions, we will provide you with the tools and skills you need to help K-3 students succeed. We will kick off the year with a three-day Reading Corps Institute in August and build on your skills with additional training sessions throughout the year. Tutoring schedules are consistent Monday-Friday during school hours for 28 (Half Time) or 20 (Reduced Half Time) hours per week.

**Engagement.** As a Reading Corps tutor, you will spend the year viewing your community through a lens of service. We encourage you to seize opportunities to engage in community-based service activities, such as volunteering at a local library and getting involved in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

### What You'll Gain:

**Coaching and experience.** You don't need teaching experience to succeed as a Reading Corps tutor. Our literacy experts will train you in evidence-based literacy strategies, while an Internal Coach at your school will provide ongoing support throughout the year. This approach will help build your abilities AND your confidence.

**Skill and network-building.** If you are pursuing or continuing a career in education, the hands-on experience and literacy training you will receive as a Reading Tutor offer an invaluable stepping stone. And even if you are not pursuing an education career, being part of Reading Corps provides professional experience and skills that are applicable across fields (and adds the impressive AmeriCorps name to your résumé)!

**Living allowance.** In lieu of an hourly wage, you will receive a living allowance totaling approximately \$1,100 (900 hours) or \$820 (675 hours) per month, prior to taxes.

**Education award.** After successfully completing your year of service, you will receive an [education award](#) up to \$3,172 (900 hours) or \$2,417 (675 hours) that can be used to pay back federal student loans, pay for tuition, or other educational purposes.

Tutors who are 55 or older at the start of their service can choose to transfer their education award to a child, grandchild, or foster child within seven years.

**Student loan forbearance.** If you are making payments to a federally-backed education loan, payments may be put into [forbearance](#) during your year of service. After you complete the program, the accrued interest will be paid by the National Service Trust.



Does this sound right for you? Apply today at [www.ndreadingcorps.org](http://www.ndreadingcorps.org)

North Dakota Reading Corps accepts applications until all positions have been filled. If you have questions about the commitment or benefits, please reach out to Dana Sell at [dana.sell@k12.nd.us](mailto:dana.sell@k12.nd.us)