

# AmeriCorps hopes to recruit members

## SCSU-based program has 22 openings to fill

Times staff report

The St. Cloud AmeriCorps Program is looking for new members.

The program, based at St. Cloud State University, needs 22 people to fill 18 full-time and four part-time positions. The deadline to apply is May 7.

AmeriCorps is a national service program that's often described as the domestic Peace Corps. It was established in 1993 to engage Americans in volunteer service in local communities. More than 100,000 people nationwide have served with AmeriCorps.

The program in St. Cloud is paid for by a \$300,000 AmeriCorps grant that can be renewed annually for three years. The program is entering its second year in St. Cloud.

New AmeriCorps members in St. Cloud will be placed in local community agencies to work on projects related to youth mentoring, disaster preparedness and volunteerism/service learning.

Participating agencies include United Way of Central

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## Interested?

To apply, contact Jennifer Rausch at 308-3050 or visit [www.stcloudstate.edu/ameriCorps](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/ameriCorps) and click on the "Apply Now" icon.

A public information session will be from noon-3 p.m. Thursday in the St. Cloud City Hall council chambers. Those who attend will hear about open positions and benefits.

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Minnesota, Catholic Charities and Stearns County Emergency Services.

Full-time AmeriCorps members serve 1,700 hours during their one-year commitment; part-time members serve 900 hours. Members receive a living allowance and earn an education award to pay for college or student loans. Members also may be eligible for student-loan deferment, health insurance and child care.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old and U.S. citizens, nationals or lawful permanent residents. They also must have or be working toward a high school diploma or its equivalent.