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Dear Potential Applicant,

Participating in AmeriCorps is a great way to serve and learn. If you are interested in being an AmeriCorps member that serves as a reading tutor in a local school and gains invaluable training and experience, this might be the perfect opportunity for you.

Members are currently serving in schools throughout Santa Barbara County and we are always interested in talking to potential members. The official start of our program year is mid-August with training for members who then start serving at schools a week or so later. Our program operates for the academic year. We begin accepting applications and interviewing applicants in April for the August program start. Interviews continue through the summer as needed to fill all the positions allocated to the program.

Full-time members serve a minimum of 45 hours per week and receive a living allowance of \$600 each pay period (two per month), health benefits (medical, dental, prescription drugs, vision allowance, AD&D) and an Education Award of \$5,550. The receipt of the Education Award is contingent upon the member successfully completing a minimum of 1700 hours of allowable AmeriCorps activity. Part-time members serve a minimum of 25 hours per week and receive a living allowance of \$325 each pay period and an Education Award of \$2,775 (when a minimum of 900 hours are successfully completed). Both positions require a Monday through Friday schedule.

In previous years, our member team has been extremely diverse, ranging in age from 18-87 years old, some having only a high school degree and others with master degrees and many years of teaching experience. A few members are already fully retired and simply interested in working with children in the schools. More recently, most of our members are college graduates. What all of the members have in common is a passion for making a difference in the lives of our young people and our communities.

Our website at www.americorpstutors.org contains a wealth of information about our local program. Please check out the position descriptions and our Program Details page if you are interested in really making a difference in young people's lives! Our members primarily serve as reading tutors and assist low performing readers individually and in small groups. Secondarily, members assist school sites in generating and managing long-term volunteer reading tutors and short-term volunteers for episodic events.

Members enthusiastically report that their term of service offers them new skills, a valuable experience, and often a whole new focus or direction in life. Many members use this experience to decide if they want to pursue teaching as a career. Please give us a call if you have any questions about this opportunity. We look forward to speaking with you and hope you will thoroughly review our website. Again, thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

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