



2018 AmeriCorps*Texas All-Grantee Meeting

Agenda

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

8:30–9:00 AM Registration

9:00–9:45 AM Opening Ceremonies

We will kick-off the event with an Olympic themed ice breaker to get to know one another and learn which organizations are represented.

9:45–10:45 AM Addressing the Athletes

Jaclyn Kolar, Manager, AmeriCorps*Texas, OneStar Foundation

We will share updates at OneStar Foundation, what's new in national service, and what to expect for 2018.

10:45–11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Keep the Torch Burning: Continuity and Transition Planning

Jaclyn Kolar, Manager, AmeriCorps*Texas, OneStar Foundation

Elisa Gleeson, Senior Grants Management Specialist, OneStar Foundation

From staff turnover to natural disasters, change is constant at organizations. In this session, we'll discuss best practices to ensure your program is set up for seamless transitions in the event of expected and unexpected changes. Participants will leave with tangible action items for continuity planning.

12:00–1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own

1:30–2:30 PM Going for Gold: Asset Utilization and De-Obligation

Mary Voorhies, Senior Grants Officer, OneStar Foundation

Betty Jo Schafer, Grants Coordinator, OneStar Foundation

Program and fiscal staff will team up to review budget-to-actuals and mid-year projections for their programs, and learn how to calculate de-obligation. Grantees will be split into breakouts for cost-reimbursement grants and fixed amount grants. Participants will be prepared to request budget reallocations and report de-obligated funds.

2:30–3:15 PM 500 Meter Speed Skating: OnCorps Training

Mary Voorhies, Senior Grants Officer, OneStar Foundation

Betty Jo Schafer, Grants Coordinator, OneStar Foundation

Joshua Winata, Program Officer, OneStar Foundation

Pat Guzmán-Weema, Program Officer OneStar Foundation

During this speedy split program and fiscal session, staff will learn the ins and outs of using OnCorps for reporting. Fiscal staff will learn how to report the AFR,



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De-Obligation, Federal Funds Used as Match, and Federal Program Income.
Program staff will learn how to submit the APR.

3:15–3:30PM

Break

3:30-5:00PM

The Nuts and Bolts of National Service Appropriations

Tom Branen, Chief Policy Officer, America's Service Commissions

Emily Steinberg, Director, External Affairs, America's Service Commissions

Austin Buchan, Chief Executive Officer, College Forward

Join America's Service Commissions as we walk you step-by- step through the ins and outs of the annual federal appropriations process for national and community service. We will provide analysis, predictions, and priorities and introduce you to the cast of characters who have the most influence on the process, including key administration officials and members of Congress. We will also provide a preview of some promising opportunities for service legislation and funding at the state level and discuss strategies to educate state officials about national service programs and member activities.

5:00-6:30 PM

Optional Reception at the Olympic Village

Join OneStar for an afterhours reception. DoubleTree is providing a complimentary drink ticket and appetizers for all participants. Additional drinks are available for purchase at a cash bar.

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7:30–9:00 AM

Optional: Table Topics and Breakfast

Join your national service colleagues for in-depth conversations on hot topics. Agenda will be updated prior to the event with specific topics.

9:00–10:30 AM

Team Bobsled: Recruiting Members & Finishing the Race

Pat Guzmán-Weema, Program Officer, OneStar Foundation

Joshua Winata, Program Officer, OneStar Foundation

During this session, we will review current portfolio trends in member recruitment and retention, explore the factors that affect building and keeping a strong team, and learn best practices for filling your bobsled with a winning crew. Come prepared to share strategies that your program has found effective for recruiting and retaining members.

10:30–10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM–12:15 PM

Keeping the Gold: Coaching Members on Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

During this session, the Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas will offer guidance for delivering financial literacy training and coaching based on the



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FDIC's Money Smart curriculum. Participants will receive resources and tools customized for use with AmeriCorps members.

12:15–1:30 PM

Working Lunch: Meet the Rest of Team USA

Andrew Lowe, Program Officer, CNCS
Chris Neukom, Assistant Program Director, AmeriCorps NCCC
Glenn Goodrich, Manager, AmeriCorps VISTA, OneStar Foundation

In this working lunch session, attendees will learn how to maximize their impact by leveraging other streams of service. Participants will learn how to apply for an NCCC Project, VISTA Project, or host an individual VISTA through OneStar's VISTA Intermediary Project.

1:30–2:15 PM

Ski Jumping into Inclusivity: Overcoming the Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining Members with Disabilities

Betty Jo Schafer, Grants Coordinator, OneStar Foundation
Kailee Selzer, Evaluation and Outreach Specialist, OneStar Foundation

In this session, we will be reviewing the benefits of including members with disabilities in our programs, where we are at as a portfolio with recruiting and retaining members with disabilities, and best practices for increasing our recruitment and retention of members with disabilities.

2:15–2:30PM

Break

2:30–3:00 PM

Showcasing our Medals: Using Communications Tools to Highlight our Victories

Joshua Winata, Program Officer, OneStar Foundation
Betty Jo Schafer, Grants Coordinator, OneStar Foundation

In this session we will be introducing and discussing programs and resources, including the AmeriCorps*Texas Social Media Service Ambassadors, that we use to communicate the impact and success of our programs.

3:00–4:00 PM

Closing Ceremonies

AmeriCorps*Texas OneStar Foundation Team

We will be holding a town hall for participants to ask the AmeriCorps*Texas team questions. We will wrap-up the meeting with a recap of learning and action plans for the future.
