PROGRAM STAFF & STATE COMMISSION TOOLKIT

Pathways Abroad: For AmeriCorps Alumni

From National Service to Global Citizenship

A free toolkit for AmeriCorps program staff, state commissions, and alumni networks: what to share, how to talk about it, and how to book a session.

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WHY WE EXIST

Our mission

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> We are on a mission to make sure every AmeriCorps alumni knows that traveling abroad with their Education Award is an option. We partner with trusted international providers to bring that vision to life.

50+ destinations worldwide

$0 cost to your program

1 - 24 week placements

How we help staff and commissions

- Turn unused Segal Education Awards into real global experiences.
- Run free, peer-led group advising sessions tailored to your cohort.
- Share vetted, award-compatible community service and internship placements.
- Give members a live search tool (Pathfinder) that matches goals to placements.
- Hand you ready-to-use outreach copy, handouts, and conversation starters.

WHAT WE ARE NOT

We are not a program provider or a travel agency. We are an information bridge: we show alumni which international programs accept the Segal Education Award and how to apply that funding. We never charge alumni, programs, or commissions.

INFOGRAPHIC

How the Education Award works abroad

Four steps from end of service to boarding pass. Use this as a slide or a handout in exit interviews.

1

Finish your term

Complete AmeriCorps service and earn the Segal Education Award.

2

Explore placements

Browse destinations on pathwaysabroad.org/explore or ask the Pathfinder tool.

3

Enroll for credit

Register through an accredited Title IV school so the award can be applied.

4

Deploy your award

The school disburses funds toward program, credit, and travel costs.

What the award can cover

Program and enrollment fees	**Covered**
Academic credit ($999 - $2,249)	**Required**
Accommodation and meals	**Usually included**
Flights, insurance, visa fees	**Covered when billed through the school**
Personal spending money	**Not covered**

The one rule that matters

The award is paid to an accredited Title IV school, not to the member. Enroll for credit through the school and it can bill program costs, flights, and insurance.

FOR YOUR ALUMNI

What your alumni can access

Pathways Abroad connects AmeriCorps alumni with international programs that accept Segal Education Award funding.

50+

Destinations worldwide

Africa & Middle East, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, and Oceania.

1 - 24

Weeks abroad

Short cohort-friendly trips through semester-length placements.

$2,000 - $7,395

Typical award range

Partial and full-term awards both stretch further overseas than at home.

Featured international partners

International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ)

Community service placements in 40+ destinations, from Tanzania to Portugal.

Intern Abroad HQ (IAHQ)

Career-defining internships abroad, including Japan, Greece, and Costa Rica.

NEW: PATHFINDER

Members describe what they want in plain language and Pathfinder asks a few follow-ups, then shows matching placements they can email to themselves.

TALKING POINTS

Five things to say in an exit interview

Copy these into your end-of-service checklist or read them straight off the page.

01 **Lead with the deadline**
Awards expire seven years after service ends. Name the date.

02 **Name a real number**
A full award is $7,395; partial terms are often $2,000 to $4,500.

03 **Correct the flight myth**
Billed through a Title IV school, the award can cover airfare, insurance, and visa fees.

04 **Make it concrete**
Four weeks of wildlife conservation in South Africa, housing and meals included.

05 **Give one next step**
Send them to pathwaysabroad.org/explore or to a Tuesday session.

SHARE IT

Ready-to-share resources

Everything here is free for AmeriCorps programs, commissions, and alumni networks.

01

This toolkit

Forward the PDF (or edit the PowerPoint) for program managers and advisors.

02

Award checklist

A 3-page alumni checklist covering balances, expiry, credit, and costs.

03

Custom planning guide

Members request a personalized budget and timeline sheet by email.

04

Explore + Pathfinder

pathwaysabroad.org/explore: filter by region, focus, length, and cost.

05

Explainer video

A short video on how the Segal Education Award works abroad.

06

Alumni stories

Real member stories by country, plus a form for your alumni to submit theirs.

07

Newsletter copy

Paste-ready blocks for program and alumni newsletters.

08

Social posts

Suggested captions for Instagram, LinkedIn, and program channels.

No fees, no commissions, no hidden costs.

Request any asset at info@pathwaysabroad.org

NEXT STEP

Schedule a free session

Pick the option that fits your program. Both are free and led by AmeriCorps alumni.

01

Book a cohort session

Ideal for program staff and state commissions. We tailor the session to your cohort's end-of-service timeline.

- 30 minutes, virtual
- Tailored to your cohort
- Slides and follow-up included

Email info@pathwaysabroad.org to schedule

02

Send members to group advising

Open live sessions every Tuesday and Friday at 12:00 PM ET for members, alumni, and staff.

- 30-minute live sessions
- Open to members and alumni
- Q&A with alumni travelers

Register via pathwaysabroad.org/alumni (Zoom)

Questions? Email info@pathwaysabroad.org

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Ready to go from service to the world?

Share this toolkit. Schedule a session. Help AmeriCorps alumni turn their Education Award into a passport-ready experience.

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