

Title: AmeriCorps Member: Coach

Reports to: Cohort Manager of grade assigned

Pay Range: \$17,000-\$25,924

Agency History: At College Bound we believe that one adult with a college degree can change the cycle of poverty in a family forever. We exist to disrupt a reality in which only 7-9 percent of low-income students are obtaining baccalaureate degrees. By 2026, College Bound will be a national leader for baccalaureate completion rates with manageable student debt. Will you join us?

Our History: College Bound was founded in 2006 by Lisa Zarin, the daughter of a single mom and school teacher who taught and lived in Newark, New Jersey's riskiest neighborhoods—neighborhoods where students seldom graduated from high school, much less went onto college. But Lisa's mother emphasized the importance of education and the message stuck. Many years later when Lisa's own son was applying to college, she experienced the college admissions process through the eyes of her child and thought, "if this is hard for us, this has to be hard for others." Lisa recruited her good friends Debbie Greenberg and Ericka Zoll and College Bound was born.

Our Promise to Our Students: We commit to our students every step of the way: increasing ACT scores, mastering Algebra II, coping with lifecycle events like grief, college financial literacy, first internships, first suits and first jobs. Within a decade, we have grown from an inaugural class of 36 students to over 650—plus 150 alumni and growing! Through our individualized, holistic, and multi-year approach, we empower our students with the academic and social supports needed to achieve baccalaureate degrees and embark in meaningful careers.

Our Promise to Our Employees: We commit to our employees every step of the way: a welcoming orientation and onboarding, connection and clarity, professional development monies, mentorship opportunities, the ability to give back to the community, inclusion and diversity, work-life balance, flexibility and a culture rooted in a foundation of trust, a focus on achievement, a responsibility to reflect and a spirit of gratitude. You can learn more about our mission by accessing our website at www.collegeboundstl.org

The Role:

As a Coach, you will dedicate one 1700 Hour Year of Service, August to August, and have the opportunity to support students as they navigate their way through their high school and college experience. The whole process can be daunting for students. We as Coaches are there to provide support to them not just as academics, but as a whole person.

In addition to an awesome experience, you get:

- A bi-monthly living stipend
- Health insurance, premiums covered by College Bound
- The Segal Education Award grant at the end of service
- Federal student loans are in forbearance during term of service, and AmeriCorps pays any interest that accrues during Service.
- Eligibility for state aid, including Food Stamps

- Additional professional development opportunities and funds
- The space and flexibility to explore careers and interests without the fear of being “locked-in”
- Access to specific scholarships as an AmeriCorps Alum for graduate school

If this sounds like a worthwhile way for you to spend a year, reach out! Or just **apply here:** [College Bound St. Louis AmeriCorps Application](#)

Our service term begins on August 1, 2021 in St. Louis.

Our Service members are required to be fully vaccinated from COVID-19 prior to the start of service, unless for a medical or religious reason that they cannot do so.