



# FAQs

## WHAT IS CITIZEN SCHOOLS?

Citizen Schools partners with high need middle schools in urban communities to extend the learning day and expand opportunities for students. We enlist a team of AmeriCorps service members and volunteers from the community to provide students with eye opening, hands-on learning experiences and apprenticeships. Students get help with homework, exposure to college and success skills, and mentorship from caring adults.

## WHERE DO TEACHING FELLOWS SERVE?

Citizen School Teaching Fellows serve middle school students in seven states. Currently there are fellowship opportunities in:

Chicago, IL	Charlotte, NC
Boston, MA	Durham NC
Chelsea, MA	Houston, TX
New York, NY	Oakland, CA
Newark, NJ	San Jose, CA

## HOW WILL CITIZEN SCHOOLS HELP PREPARE ME TO LEAD?

You will have the opportunity to lead a team of students and support their academic and intellectual growth, and the opportunity to participate in weekly and monthly professional development opportunities throughout both years of service.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BECOME A TEACHING FELLOW?

The Fellowship hiring process is competitive and the admissions team uses a variety of factors when assessing candidates.

To be considered for the National Teaching Fellowship, candidates must at minimum:

- Have completed 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university
- Have a cumulative 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have worked or volunteered with children for 2+ months in a role which included core responsibilities such as mentorship, supervision, camp counselor, teaching, tutoring, coach, swim instructor, counseling individual students or groups of students

Additional desirable qualities:

- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Demonstrated passion for making education equitable for all students
- Entrepreneurial spirit and problem solving ability
- Proficiency in languages other than English

## DO YOU HELP US GET A JOB AFTER THE FELLOWSHIP?

Citizen Schools is committed to supporting Fellows as they transition to the next step in their professional careers. You will receive personalized support and instruction throughout your service, and have the opportunity to participate in exclusive networking events, job fairs and other career venues. Citizen Schools is continuously working to expand partnerships with companies and grad schools to provide diverse options for Fellows post-Fellowship.

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS LIKE?

The National Teaching Fellowship is demanding, and so is the application process. There are multiple steps to our application, each of which allow us to identify candidates who possess the qualities that best prepare them to serve students in high need communities. You can learn more by visiting: [citizenschools.org/careers/teaching-fellowship/application-process/](http://citizenschools.org/careers/teaching-fellowship/application-process/)

## IS THERE A MAJOR REQUIREMENT?

Due to the dynamic nature of the Fellowship (Fellows teach, mentor, collaborate, and grow program while on campuses), there is no major requirement! Successful Fellows come from a variety of majors and academic backgrounds, which makes for an even more fruitful learning experience for our students. Additionally, no teaching credential is required.

## HOW ARE TEACHING FELLOWS COMPENSATED?

The National Teaching Fellowship is sponsored in part by AmeriCorps, which provides generous benefits for Teaching Fellows, including:

- Monthly stipend of \$1,900 (pre-tax maximum annual: \$23,550)
- Access to free medical, dental, and vision coverage
- Three weeks vacation time
- Use of a laptop computer
- Two education awards totaling \$11,550 upon successful completion of two years of service
- Loan forbearance for qualified student loans

## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

[www.citizenschools.org/teaching-fellowship](http://www.citizenschools.org/teaching-fellowship)