



*An AmeriCorps program of the  
Social Work Community Outreach Service of the  
University of Maryland School of Social Work*

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## Ally Fact Sheet

Through our signature AmeriCorps program, Public Allies identifies talented young adults, ages 18-30, from diverse backgrounds who have a passion to make a difference, and helps them turn that passion into a viable career path working for community and social change.

Public Allies has three main components:

- **Placement:** Allies are matched with a nonprofit or similar organization in Baltimore City to address critical social issues. Allies work at their placement sites 4 days a week for 10 months.
- **Leadership Training:** Allies attend weekly Wednesday trainings and 2-3 overnight retreats over the course of the program year.
- **Team Service Projects:** Allies engage in Team Service Projects (in collaboration with fellow Allies) from conception to implementation and evaluation that use an asset based community development approach.

Benefits of becoming an Ally:

- Earn a stipend of \$1,500 per month
- Earn a \$5,500 education award to pay for future education or to pay back student loans
- Receive healthcare, childcare, and student loan deferment during your term of service
- Develop your leadership skills for your life and career
- Expand your network of diverse, passionate young people and community leaders

Requirements for Allies:

- To participate in Public Allies you must be between the ages of 18-30, have a high school diploma or GED, be a US Citizen or legal resident, and be committed to making a difference.
- Public Allies is a full-time commitment requiring a minimum of 1,700 hours of service. Part-time jobs, taking classes, and other activities are difficult to handle during the program year; therefore, Allies are discouraged from taking on additional responsibilities.
- To apply, download an application from [www.publicallies.org](http://www.publicallies.org) and email completed application to [maryland@publicallies.org](mailto:maryland@publicallies.org). Applications will be available online starting in 2010.
- Priority deadline is June 15, 2010.

*\*The next class of Public Allies Maryland will serve October 2010 - July 2011\**

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