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SJSU COLLEGE CORPS APPLICATION

The SJSU Center for Community Learning and Leadership is now hiring for the CaliforniansForAll College Corps. Join a fun and creative team of fellow students to serve with local after school programs and non-profit organizations. Fellows design engaging activities and provide literacy enrichment for K-3rd graders. No experience necessary, training is provided.

The CaliforniansForAll College Corps is a historic state level investment in service that aims to reduce college debt and support students who serve the community for an academic year. SJSU undergraduate students who complete 450 hours of service through the College Corps receive up to \$10,000 to help pay for college.

If you have questions, please email joanna.solis@sjsu.edu.

TERMS OF SERVICE

- August 2026-May 2027
- Must be available during two of the following days from 2-5pm: Mon/Wed OR, Tues/Thurs
- Must be available on Fridays from 9-12pm for training

SERVICE LOCATIONS

- Service predominantly takes place within 10 miles of campus.

DUTIES

- Serve in after school programs
- Provide literacy enrichment within after school programs
- Develop enrichment activities with a team
- Participate in trainings, team meetings, service projects, and weekly seminars
- Attend statewide cohort initiatives

ELIGIBILITY

- At least 18 years old
- An SJSU undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above who will be enrolled full time during Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
- Current U.S. citizen, U.S. National, lawful permanent resident, or AB540 students
- Complete and pass all background checks upon hire
- COVID vaccination with booster and clear a TB test are required for service

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BENEFITS

- \$7,000 provided in monthly installments (may impact financial aid)
- \$3,000 Education Award (upon completion of the program year)
- Priority registration to allow Fellows to serve on weekday afternoons
- Professional experience and skills
- Connections with Fellows across the State via in-person regional events
- Pride and accomplishment in working toward a common purpose alongside Fellows across the state

SECTION I: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY & CERTIFICATION

Please review the following statements to determine if you meet the eligibility criteria to become a College Corps Fellow. You will be asked to certify that you meet the eligibility criteria for Parts A - C before moving onto the next section.

If you have questions about whether you meet all criteria, please contact, joanna.solis@sjsu.edu who can help determine if you are eligible. Eligibility will be reviewed prior to students being interviewed for the Fellowship.

Part A: If I am selected as a finalist for a College Corps Fellowship, I give [SJSU] permission to verify my eligibility to participate in the program.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I give permission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I do not give permission and choose to end my application here.

Part B: To participate, students must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- At least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or its equivalent (i.e., GED) by the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic year
- An SJSU undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above who will be enrolled full time during Fall 2026 and Spring 2027.
- Commit to actively participate in the program and to maintain full-time enrollment status for the entire academic year
- Will not be graduating in Fall 2026
- Not planning to participate in a semester off-campus (Study Abroad) during the upcoming academic year

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Part B Certification. I have read the application instructions and I certify that I am eligible to serve as a College Corps Service Member for the 2026-2027 term.

Yes, I am eligible to serve as a College Corps Member for the 2026-2027 term.

I do not meet the eligibility requirements and will end my application here.

Part C. To successfully complete the College Corps Fellowship, students must:

- Complete and pass a National Service Criminal History Check & Live Scan, as part of the enrollment process
- Provide COVID vaccination with booster and clear a TB test are required for service
- Complete 450 hours of service by May, 2027.
- To reach this goal, students in the College Corps Program must commit to consistently serve an average of 15 hours per week throughout the academic year
- Start the program on time
- Must be available during two of the following days from 2-5pm: Mon/Wed OR, Tues/Wed, OR, Wed/Thurs, or Wed/Fri from
- Participate fully in required pre-service orientation, trainings, and learning sessions.

Part C Certification. I certify that I am willing and able to meet these basic requirements in order to complete the College Corps Program. Furthermore, If I am selected as a finalist for a College Corps Fellowship, I give [SJSU] permission to conduct criminal history background checks in accordance with the Corporation for National and Community Service guidelines.

Yes, I am willing and able to meet these basic requirements in order to complete the College Corps Program.

No, I am not able to meet the requirements and will end my application process.

Part D: Students selected to join the Fellowship should meet the criteria below:

Is AB540 Eligible

- Has submitted or plans to submit a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for 2026-2027 academic year prior to that application deadline. Must be an active recipient of a Cal Grant B Award for the 2026-2027 academic year OR be an active recipient of a Cal Grant A Award who is also Cal Grant B eligible, by the start of the program.

Part D Certification: I have reviewed the eligibility criteria and certify that I meet the requirements for at least one of the criteria listed above.

Yes, I am willing and able to meet these basic requirements in order to complete the College Corps Program.

No, I am not able to meet the requirements & will end my application process.

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SECTION II: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name :

Preferred Name :

Current Address :

City : State & Zip Code :

Permanent Address (as it appears on your ID/License) if it differs from the above, please provide it below. Include city, state, and zip code.

Date of Birth : Cell Phone # :

SJSU Email :

SJSU ID :

Select the option that applies to you:

U.S. Citizen

Legal Permanent Resident

AB 540 Student

Will you live in California from August 2025 through June 2026?

Yes No

SJSU College Corps fellows will serve in after school programs and with local non-profits. Do you agree to have COVID vaccination with booster and clear a TB test before beginning your service at your site?

Yes No

If you are fluent in a language other than English, please list.

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SECTION II: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Will you have access to a vehicle or other form of reliable transportation during the 26-27 academic year?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maybe

What is your form of transportation?

How did you hear about College Corps?

<input type="checkbox"/>	On-campus advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Campus Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professor/Academic Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend/Fellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Campus email

SECTION III: EDUCATION

You must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and taking classes at SJSU during the 2026-2027 academic year in order to participate in the SJSU College Corps. Failure to maintain a full time status throughout the program will result in your pay being withheld until full-time status is achieved.

Are you currently enrolled as an SJSU undergraduate student or will you be?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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Class Standing

<input type="checkbox"/>	Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior

GPA

Major

Will you be a full-time student during the 2024-25 academic year?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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SECTION III: EDUCATION

The program requires you to be available two days out of the week from 2-5:00pm. To be part of the program, you are required to be available Wednesdays from 2-5:00pm. Select your availability (you can select more than one option):

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am available Monday and Wednesdays 2-5pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am available Tuesday and Wednesdays 2-5pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am available Wednesday and Thursdays 2-5pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am available Wednesday and Fridays 2-5pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am not available, but I am willing to change my class schedule to accommodate the program requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am not available and understand that I may be placed on a waitlist.

The program requires you to attend trainings on Fridays from 9-12pm. Please select from the following:

- I am available on Fridays from 9-12pm.
- I am not available, but I am willing to change my class schedule to accommodate the program requirements.
- I am not available and understand that I may be placed on a waitlist.

Anticipated Date of Graduation

SECTION IV: AMERICORPS OR NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

Have you participated or are you currently participating in any AmeriCorps or national service program?

- Yes No

If you answered "YES" please answer the questions below. If you answered "NO" continue to section V.

AmeriCorps Program Name

Dates of Service (MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY)

Did you or will you receive an educational award for the program listed above?

- Yes No

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SECTION V: LEGAL

A criminal conviction/adjudication may or may not disqualify you from consideration. However, intentional misrepresentation and omissions of such information will disqualify you. Exclude minor traffic violations. Background checks are required of all College Corps members serving vulnerable populations (i.e. children, elders etc.). Eligibility addresses notifying that a 3 part NSCHC check is required.

Have you ever been convicted, adjudicated of any criminal offense by a civilian or military court? (Minor traffic violations do not qualify.)

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted, adjudicated of any criminal offense as a juvenile offender, of any criminal offense by a civilian or military court? (Minor traffic violations do not qualify.)

Yes No

Are you currently charged with any offenses or do you have any civil suits or judgements pending against you?

Yes No

Are you now on probation or parole?

Yes No

If you answered yes in this section, please provide the following information:

Date (Month/Day/Year), Place (City, State), Charge, Action Taken

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SECTION VI: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & TRANSCRIPT

Your application will not be considered complete without your statement of purpose. Please include your answers to the following questions on a separate document. Answer the questions as they pertain to you.

NEW FELLOWS:

1. Why do you want to participate in the College Corps? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
2. What are your top 3 strengths? Describe an instance when you utilized those strengths to address a challenge. What was the challenge and how did you address it using your strengths?
3. Why are you interested in working with K-3rd grade children? Do you have experience working with children (yes/no)? If "yes" describe experience working with children.
4. Below is a screenshot of a typical work week scheduled in the College Corps program. How would you manage your time to ensure that you handle completing personal, academic, AND program obligations?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 CUSD After School Support (2-5 pm)	3	4 CUSD Cyber Spartans Unplugged Activity Kit 3: YouTube & Functions (2-5 pm + 1 hr prep + 3hr kit dev)	5	6 Second Harvest (9 am - 12 pm)
9 CUSD After School Support (2-5 pm)	10	11 CUSD Cyber Spartans Scratch Activity Kit 3: YouTube & Functions (2-5 pm + 1 hr prep + 3hr kit dev)	12	13 Seminar (10 am - 12 pm) BBC 202 - 10-10:30: Program Check-in - 10:30-11:15: Bronfenbrenners Ecological System's Theory - 11:15-12: Activity: Fellows create their own ecological system

The following question is OPTIONAL: SJSU College Corps offers Lead Fellow positions. Lead Fellows serve as instructors in the classroom when working with youth and as team leaders for their team of 8-10 Fellows. If you would like to be considered for this position, please answer the following question: Describe a time you lead and provided direction for others. Through your leadership, what was accomplished?

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SECTION VI: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & TRANSCRIPT

RETURNING FELLOWS

1. Why do you want to continue to participate in the College Corps program? What did you learn during your 25-26 service year?
2. Knowing how the program is set up and the time commitment it requires, how would you manage your time to ensure that you handle completing personal, academic, AND program obligations?

The following question is OPTIONAL: SJSU College Corps offers Lead Fellow positions. Lead Fellows serve as instructors in the classroom when working with youth and as team leaders for their team of 8-10 Fellows. If you would like to be considered for this position, please answer the following question: Describe a time you lead and provided direction for others. Through your leadership, what was accomplished?

SECTION VII: CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification or termination from the program.

Please sign your name: _____

Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Once you have completed the application and have answered the personal statement questions please turn in all document to CLARK HALL 203. Ensure you turn in the following:

- Completed this application in its entirety
- Completed and answered all of the personal statement questions
- Copy of your unofficial transcript