



Commissioner Fact Sheet

Commission Mission:

To meet the needs of Louisiana's citizens through volunteerism and national service.

Commission Purpose:

1. Encourage community service as a means of community and state problem solving.
2. Promote and support citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout this state.
3. Develop a long term, comprehensive vision and plan for action for community service initiatives in Louisiana.
4. Act as the state's policy making body for the Corporation for National and Community Service.
5. Serve as the state's liaison to other national and state organizations which support its mission.

Commissioner Service

Volunteer Louisiana Commissioners are engaged citizens from across the state who have distinguished themselves professionally and in service to community.

If you are interested in serving as a Volunteer Louisiana Commissioner...

Applications are available at

http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov/sites/default/pdfs/commissioner_nomination_form_2014.pdf

Commissioner Activities

The Volunteer Louisiana Commission serves as the funding and decision-making body for AmeriCorps and other national service and volunteer initiatives in Louisiana. The Commission meets quarterly in Baton Rouge, and Commissioners represent Volunteer Louisiana in their local communities. Some activities include:

1. Attend quarterly Commission meetings and committee meetings as scheduled
2. Connect organizations in your community with national service and volunteer grants and resources
3. Serve with AmeriCorps and national service programs in your region and participate in national days of service
4. Promote volunteerism in your community and through VolunteerLouisiana.gov online volunteer management system
5. Promote volunteer recognition, including the Community Service Diploma Endorsement, Louisiana Volunteer Service Award, and Champions of Service
6. Engage elected officials on national service and volunteerism
7. Make funding decisions on AmeriCorps grant applications

Commissioner Appointments:

1. All appointments shall be for three-year terms. Commissioners may only serve two consecutive terms.
2. Appointments will be made by the Governor, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor, from a list of potential candidates brought forth by the Commission and Lieutenant Governor.

Commission Ethics Requirements:

1. Commissioners are required to complete a Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement by May 15 of each year <http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/FinDiscl/F417f.pdf>
Tier 2.1 Disclosure FAQ
<http://ethics.la.gov/PersonalFinancialFAQs.aspx>
2. Commissioners are required to complete ethics training each year
<https://eap.ethics.la.gov/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>

Commission Membership:

1. The Commission shall include members meeting the following criteria:
 - a. An individual with expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth
 - b. An individual with expertise in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism
 - c. A representative of community-based agencies or of community-based organizations within this state
 - d. The Superintendent of the Louisiana Department of Education, or his designee.
 - e. A representative of local governments in this state
 - f. A representative of local labor organizations in this state
 - g. A representative of business
 - h. An individual between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five who is a participant or supervisor in a service program
 - i. A representative of a national service program
2. The Commission may include members meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Members from among local educators
 - b. Members selected from among experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities and persons
 - c. Representatives of Native American tribes
 - d. Members selected from among out-of-school youth or other at-risk youth
 - e. Representatives of entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973

Commission Standing Committees:

1. Governance Committee: Responsibilities include review of bylaws and legislation, governmental affairs, and developing a pool of qualified Commission applicants, and overseeing Commission training.
2. AmeriCorps Program Committee: Responsibilities include outreach to potential AmeriCorps subgrantees, funding recommendations for AmeriCorps grant applications, and overseeing Commission policy regarding awarding and administration of AmeriCorps grants.
3. Volunteerism/Disaster Services Committees: Responsibilities include developing strategies and initiatives which promote volunteerism across Louisiana, monitoring efforts to engage volunteers in disaster preparedness, response and recovery, and overseeing volunteer recognition initiatives.