

Become an Educational Leader with Teach For America



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"Before I was a teacher, I worked at Johnson & Johnson. I left the corporate world because I knew I wanted to work with youth. In the business world, every day there's an "urgency of now." With my students, I transfer that urgency over to them – letting them know that it's urgent we learn this now because they only have four years until graduation."

Why join Teach For America and become a 2013 corps member?

All kids deserve the chance to reach their full potential—but today, only 8 percent of students growing up in poverty graduate from college by the time they're 24, compared with 80 percent of students in more affluent areas. Teach For America is growing the movement of leaders who work to ensure that kids growing up in poverty get an excellent education. This national corps of outstanding individuals – from all academic and career backgrounds – commits to teach for two years in urban and rural low-income communities and become lifelong leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. Full salary, benefits, transitional grants, and AmeriCorps funding. No education coursework or certification required.

What are Teach For America Alumni doing now?

The individuals in our network support each other, personally and professionally, in their ongoing endeavors to expand educational opportunity. Two-thirds of our alumni remain in education in various roles – as lifelong teachers, principals, superintendents, policymakers, entrepreneurs, district attorneys, etc. Teach For America helps to strengthen this community by providing forums for emotional, social, and intellectual engagement. We also provide career and leadership support through initiatives in social entrepreneurship and various education leadership paths. Through our partner organization, Leadership for Education Equity (LEE), we offer leadership development in policy, advocacy, organizing, and government.

Sign up [here](#) to learn more. Final application deadline for the 2013 corps is February 15th, 2013.

Ready to apply? Go directly to the [online application](#).

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