



# Engaging AmeriCorps Alums

## 3 Easy Ways Commissions Can Help Build the Network

### 1. Encourage the existing corps members or alums in your state to register!

This helps Service Year Alliance build and maintain an active database of alums -- the first step in building an engaged network. It also allows alums to connect with each other using the search and messaging features available to alums on ServiceYear.org.

Additionally, connect the alums who served in your state with each other and stay connected to them over time by creating a premium network profile to feature all of your programs and their corps members.

**Tip:** Think of ways to get programs in your state actively involved in the process by having them tap into their own alums network, or by talking to their corps members about the lifelong network they could belong to.

**If your state's programs are enrolling their corps members on serviceyear.org, once they complete their service they are automatically transferred to alumni status - and you can connect with them through a Network Page on the website!**

*Want to help us pilot new features and make this page more useful for you to connect with alums of your programs? Tell us! Email [partnerships@serviceyear.org](mailto:partnerships@serviceyear.org) with questions or if you're interested.*

### 2. Help the Alumni Chapter Steering Committee (ACSC) identify existing Chapters!

Don't see a Chapter you're a part of or know about [here](#)? Let us know by filling out the brief [identification form](#). This helps local alums connect to their nearby Chapter and helps the ACSC build a national network of Chapters that can share best practices, resources, and ideas with one another.

**Tip:** Don't have a Chapter in your state? Consider reaching out to alums in your network and asking if they would be interested in founding one, with the strategic support of the commission! Check out the toolkit, [Best Practices for Starting and Running a Service Year Alums Chapter](#), for examples of how to create a successful Chapter.

### 3. Connect with Chapters in your state and start a conversation!

Every Chapter has their own mission, vision, and activities. Connect with Chapters in your state to learn about their unique efforts and identify ways you can work together or support a vibrant, active Chapter to ensure that alums stay plugged in, and that alums coming from out of state have a place to get involved.

Service Year Alliance envisions a future in which every state has at least one [Impact Community](#) and one [alumni Chapter](#) working together with the state service commission to increase the impact, resilience, and long term benefits and outcomes of national service. If you know a group of programs in your state working together towards shared outcomes, collective corps member trainings, or coordinated alumni engagement, they may be interested in joining the Service Year Impact Community network. Learn more [here](#).