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Quick Facts

- The S.C. Campus Compact, housed at Winthrop, has received the S.C. Healthy Families AmeriCorps grant.
- Winthrop will enroll 15-25 students in the Healthy Families program.



Ellin McDonough

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **United Way of South Carolina** and the **Commission on National Community Service** have awarded the **South Carolina Campus Compact**, housed at Winthrop, the **S.C. Healthy Families AmeriCorps grant**.

Winthrop, as a member of the **S.C. Campus Compact**, will enroll between 15-25 students in the **Healthy Families program**, which will provide up to \$28,000 in student scholarships each year. Statewide, the Healthy Families program will recruit 250 students to enroll as part-time AmeriCorps members. As a result, the program will bring \$283,000 annually in education awards to S.C. students who provide valuable service to their communities.

To participate in **AmeriCorps**, members partner with a wide range of non-profit organizations to provide their communities with nutrition and wellness education and outreach activities. Members are instructed as members of Ways to Enhance Children’s Activity and Nutrition (We Can!), a national childhood obesity training program. They also receive CPR, shelter and disaster preparedness training.

Once they complete 300 hours of service in the program, **AmeriCorps** members receive a \$1,132 Education Award that can be applied toward outstanding federal student loans or the cost of attendance at a college or university.

The **S.C. Healthy Families grant award** is “an example of multi-campus collaborations and collective hard work through the Campus Compact,” said Ellin McDonough, program director for Service Learning, Center for Career and Civic Engagement.

The **S.C. Campus Compact** is made up of 14 colleges and universities who help teach students how to become effective citizens in their communities. Nationwide, Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents – representing some six million students – and is the only national higher education association dedicated solely to campus-based civic engagement.

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