

# Expanding Educational Opportunity

You Served For America, Now Teach For America

**TEACHFORAMERICA**

All kids deserve the chance to reach their full potential—but today, only eight percent of students growing up in poverty graduate from college by age 24, compared to 80 percent of students in more affluent areas. This limits their life options, affects families and communities, and has significant social and economic implications for our country.

We know it's possible to give all kids a great education and the countless opportunities that come with it. By teaching for two years in Teach For America's corps, thousands of leaders help students in low-income communities make the academic progress that expands their life opportunities. Corps members develop the leadership skills, insights, and commitment that drive them to be lifelong advocates for kids.

Veterans, have you ever thought about what leadership looks like from the front of a classroom? Our country has another mission that needs the service commitments of our nation's bravest from all military and career backgrounds. Just as you led our troops, America's youth need to be provided with purpose, direction and motivation. Enlisting as an educator will have an immeasurable impact on the trajectory of our nation; you will be shaping our future. You served for America, now Teach For America.

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## ENLISTING EDUCATORS



### BRIAN THOMPSON

- D.C. / 2009
- World History
- Sergeant E5, 82nd Airborne Division Infantry, U.S. Army

• Teaches 10th Grade World History at Cardozo High School in Washington, D.C.

"My military experience has played an integral role in behavior management and investment. I had to inspire Soldiers to do extraordinary things in combat, so it comes as no surprise that I am able to control a classroom with ease... As a result, I am a 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award recipient."



### DANIEL FEEHAN

- Chicago / 2009
- Math
- Captain, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army
- Master's Candidate, Harvard Kennedy

School

"My military experience helped me to realize that I could do Teach For America even though I was a non-traditional corps member... It also greatly helped me to understand what motivates and inspires people and how to sell people on the idea of achieving in the guise of a mission."

## WHO WE LOOK FOR

Our approach to selecting corps members is based on our commitment to student success. We continuously study our teachers to identify the characteristics possessed by those whose students have made the most progress. Accordingly, we look for recent college graduates, graduate students, and professionals who also possess these distinguishing characteristics. These individuals come from many different academic, personal, and career backgrounds but share the following strengths:

- A deep belief in the potential of all kids and a commitment to do whatever it takes to expand opportunities for students
  - Demonstrated leadership ability and superior interpersonal skills to motivate others
  - Strong achievement in academic, professional, extracurricular, and volunteer settings
  - Perseverance in the face of challenges, ability to adapt to changing environments, and a strong desire to do what ever it takes to improve and develop
  - Excellent critical thinking skills, including the ability to accurately link cause and effect and to generate relevant solutions to problems
  - Superior organizational ability: planning well and managing responsibilities effectively
  - Respect for individuals' diverse experiences and the ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds
- » **Learn more:** [www.teachforamerica.com/who-we-look-for](http://www.teachforamerica.com/who-we-look-for)

## WHERE WE WORK

Corps members and alumni teach grades pre-K through 12 in 46 urban and rural regions across the country, reflecting the tremendous scope of the challenge our nation faces. When assigning corps members, we work hard to consider the many factors that influence your preference for living and working in certain regions, and we also strive to work in communities with the highest need. Openness to teaching in a variety of communities, subjects, and grade levels will allow you to work with students who need you most.

» **Learn more:** [teachforamerica.org/where-and-what-youll-teach](http://teachforamerica.org/where-and-what-youll-teach)

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit an online application by one of the deadlines below. Subsequent rounds of the admissions process include a phone interview, an online activity, and an in-person interview. Applications are non-binding.

### Pre-requisites:

- Bachelor's degree by June 2013 with a 2.5 minimum undergraduate GPA<sup>1</sup> • U.S. citizenship or national/permanent resident status<sup>2</sup>

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Steps <sup>3</sup>	First Deadline	Second Deadline	Third Deadline	Fourth Deadline	Fifth Deadline
Apply online	Aug. 24, 2012	Sept. 14, 2012	Nov. 2, 2012	Jan. 11, 2013	Feb. 15, 2013
If invited, complete online activity	Aug. 30 - Sept. 6	Sept. 20 - 25	Nov. 8 - 13	Jan. 17 - 23	Feb. 26 - March 5
If invited, complete 30-minute phone interview	Sept. 21 - 26	Sept. 21 - 26	Nov. 10 - 14	Jan. 24 - 28	March 8 - 13
If invited, complete final interview	Oct. 15 - 19	Oct. 15 - 19	Dec. 3 - 6	Feb. 25 - March 1	April 1 - 5
If admitted, learn about your assignment and accept or decline our offer	Nov. 1 - 15	Nov. 1 - 15	Jan. 7 - 18	March 14 - 28	April 18 - May 1

**Full salary and benefits. Federal student loans deferred.\* All majors and career backgrounds.  
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\*Learn more: [www.teachforamerica.org/compensation](http://www.teachforamerica.org/compensation)

<sup>1</sup>The GPA requirement is mandated by the school districts and credentialing programs with which we work.

<sup>2</sup>If you are an international student, you may be eligible to teach in your home country through Teach For All, the global network for expanding educational opportunity. For more information, contact [apply@teachforallnetwork.org](mailto:apply@teachforallnetwork.org).

<sup>3</sup>A comprehensive list of all steps in the admissions process can be found on our website at [teachforamerica.org](http://teachforamerica.org).