



## Benefits of Membership

As members of HandsOn Network, organizations receive benefits that support reaching shared network goals as outlined in the membership agreement, and increase overall capacity. We believe this suite of benefits is complete, robust and effectively supports your organizational needs. We encourage you to leverage all of the opportunities outlined below.

Benefits of Membership in HandsOn Network categories include:

1. National Exposure
2. Professional Development
3. Program and Organizational Development Resources
4. Funding and Discounts

1. **NATIONAL EXPOSURE:** As part of being a member of HandsOn Network there are many opportunities for increased exposure for your organization, programs, volunteers, and staff, both locally and nationally.
  - National promotional materials that can be included in your local promotional materials
  - Use of HandsOn Network Logo and use of the HandsOn Network Tagline – “Be the Change. Volunteer.”
  - Marketing and design support for logo redesign for better alignment with national branding
  - Trademark protection
  - Opportunity for your community to host the Points of Light national conference and Affiliate gatherings (competitive)
  - Access to national media exposure through our partnerships with media outlets, corporations and many others
  - Participation in national policy development
  - Access to information on national statistics, events and trends throughout the Network and beyond
  - Conference speaking opportunities
2. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Through HandsOn Network’s expansive network of partnerships and our in-house training and consulting team, we can support many of your organization’s professional development needs.
  - Subsidized participation in Annual Affiliate Gatherings
  - Participation in national program training institutes (part of program participation). Training opportunities could include:

- Citizen Academy Training
    - AmeriCorps Member Training
    - AmeriCorps Supervisors Training
  - Leadership Faculty – Lend peers your expertise and gain new skills in the process by serving as a member of our leadership faculty (application/interview process).
  - Customized Consulting Services – Through our in-house team of consultants and the leadership faculty, we can design a consulting plan to address many organizational challenges including program development, strategic planning, capacity building, fundraising plans, etc. (fee for service)
3. **PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES:** Beyond professional development, HandsOn Network works diligently to gather the industry's best practices and deliver them to you.
- FREE access to program development guidebooks, training manuals and toolkits including:
    - TeamWorks Program Toolkit
    - Citizen Academy Start-up Guide
    - Volunteer Management Training Series
    - HandsOn Day of Service Guide
    - Corporate Volunteerism Guide
    - Volunteer Leader Curriculum
  - FREE access to Members-only Resource Library full of sample documents, plans, articles, resources and best practices from around the network and beyond
  - FREE and regular opportunities to participate in monthly best practice webinars
  - FREE technical assistance from national staff. HON staff is available via phone or email to support you.
  - Opportunity to host AmeriCorps Alumni Chapters from within your organization and engage skilled AmeriCorps Alumni as project leaders and project participants.
  - generationOn, the youth division of Points of Light, provides resources to start a Youth Volunteer Council; engage with Kids Care Clubs or generationOn Clubs; use Ready-Set-Go materials to increase the capacity of your nonprofit partners to work with youth volunteers; or become certified in GoLEAD, the updated version of Prudential Youth Leadership Institute
4. **FUNDING AND DISCOUNTS:** Through HandsOn Network's grant program you have many opportunities throughout the year to apply for funding and access resources specific to the work of volunteerism and civic engagement.
- Opportunities to apply for programmatic and capacity-building grants via HON grant programs (competitive)
  - Opportunities to participate in corporate sponsored fee-for-service events (competitive)

- Opportunities to apply directly to HON for AmeriCorps members. National Direct and Ed award members available, dependent on national funding of program (competitive).
- Subsidized participation in HON's HandsOn Connect product, a leading-edge online volunteer management tool built especially to support HandsOn Network members and address their business needs.
- Opportunities to build new or strengthen existing corporate partnerships through national corporate volunteerism programs.

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