Members wear service gear to provide visibility, look professional and build unity in the program. Members may not wear service gear with the AmeriCorps name or logo in connection with any activity prohibited in the member service agreement. As community leaders, role models, and representatives of national service and the Washington Service Corps, members are responsible for maintaining a positive public image by wearing clothing that is clean, presentable and meets the following guidelines.

GUIDELINES:

Service Gear

- Members will wear Washington Service Corps and AmeriCorps*State (or AmeriCorps*VISTA) service gear during all service hours and officially designated AmeriCorps events.
  - Appropriate service gear clothing may include shirts, vests, sweatshirts, hats, or jackets with the name and/or logos of both Washington Service Corps and AmeriCorps.
  - Supplemental service gear may include buttons, pins, or other items with the Washington Service Corps and/or AmeriCorps name and logo.
- When interacting with the public, the media, or lawmakers during service hours, members must wear WSC service gear clothing that is prominently visible to bystanders and displayed during photos.
- Members will dress appropriately for the day's tasks, according to guidelines provided by the project supervisor or designated lead.
- Members will maintain service gear clothing in appropriate condition (e.g. clean and wrinkle-free).
- Members will provide their own footwear. Footwear should be appropriate to the type of service the member is performing. Some sites involved in predominately outdoor or other highly physical service may have special requirements regarding footwear. The project/site supervisor should provide guidance on appropriate footwear.
- Clothing may not portray, suggest, or represent alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs; violent images; or promote negative or controversial images based upon gender, religion, sexual preference, age, creed or political beliefs.
- Members will not wear clothing that is considered “gang attire”. This includes, but is not limited to, gang-style writing or clothing, tags and other indications of gang affiliation. No gang-related baseball caps or hats. Pants should not sag to expose underwear, and both pant legs should come to the ankles. Members will not wear
bandannas or rags. Members will not dress in all one color (i.e. all red, all blue, all pink).

- Service gear and apparel with AmeriCorps*VISTA or Washington Service Corps names or logos may not be altered or enhanced as copyright and trademark laws protect the logos, slogans and names of these entities.

**Personal Grooming**

- Members should maintain personal hygiene that reflects both acceptable cleanliness or sanitary practices and presentation in a public environment.
- Service sites may have additional guidelines, standards or policies regarding personal appearance or hygiene.

**Jewelry and Safety**

- In order to promote safety in our service and to promote safety during physically demanding service, jewelry is to be kept to a minimum.
- Safety standards during physically demanding service may require the temporary removal of some or all jewelry, including rings.
- Service sites may have additional standards.

Project Supervisors and Washington Service Corps staff are strongly encouraged to follow the spirit and intent of this policy and its guidelines by setting an example for members of the Washington Service Corps.

For questions regarding this policy, project sites/sponsor organizations should contact their WSC Program Coordinator.