All Washington Service Corps members represent the organization and its mission whenever
they are on Washington Service Corps business. 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 and representatives of national service and the
Washington Service Corps and as role models, 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 or AmeriCorps*VISTA identity items
during all service activities and officially designated AmeriCorps events (appropriate
service gear with name and/or logo, lapel pins, badges etc.).

- Members will dress appropriately for the day's tasks, according to guidelines
provided by the project supervisor or designated lead. If there are site-specific
guidelines, those should be followed.

- Members are responsible for maintaining clothing in appropriate wear ability status
such as clean and as wrinkle free as possible.

- Members will provide their own footwear. Footwear should be appropriate to the
type of service in which the member is engaged. Some sites involved in
predominately outdoor or other highly physical service may have special
requirements regarding footwear; the project/site supervisor should be consulted.

- Clothing will not to portray, suggest, or represent alcohol, tobacco, 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 so as 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.