

## **Q. Can I use my Segal AmeriCorps educational award to pay for GWR chemical immobilization courses?**

Yes, there is a way. AmeriCorps Education Awards can be used when a student enrolls through a university. GWR has coordinated with University of Montana's School of Extended & Lifelong Learning (SELL) so students can get one (1) college credit and also get reimbursed with their AmeriCorp award. Essentially, you will pay GWR and Univ. Montana upfront and later be reimbursed. Here is how is what you do:

1. Register and pay for a GWR course by either visiting GWR's Training Schedule webpage, selecting the course you wish to attend and registering through PayPal or by sending us a check payable to Global Wildlife Resources.
2. When you register, please let Dr. Mark know that you would like to either get one (1) college credit for the course and/or get reimbursed with your AmeriCorp award. Dr. Mark will provide you with a credit registration form.
3. Submit UM Credit Registration form and payment for \$155 credit fee to Holly Kulish ([Holly.Kulish@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Holly.Kulish@mso.umt.edu)) at University of Montana. UM will enroll you for credit & send a confirmation email.
4. Using My AmeriCorps at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>, request your Ed Award funds be sent to University of Montana for the correct semester. The GWR course fee and \$155 credit fee are eligible expenses.
5. UM will review your request & approve the funds
6. Attend the course
7. AFTER the course begins, AmeriCorps wires the funds to UM. Sometimes they send the funds in two installments.
8. UM refunds you. The default refund method is by mailed check.

If you cannot attend the course, you must notify both Global Wildlife Resources and the University of Montana. If you fail to cancel your registration and do not attend, you may be required to repay the Education Award to AmeriCorps.

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