This is Dolores. Dolores has had many jobs and roles in her life. She’s been an employee, a mother, a volunteer. She’s saved up enough money to quit working, but enjoys staying active. Dolores knows she won’t sit still when she retires. She’s always been passionate about service and education, so she looks for a way to help schoolchildren. Dolores finds a volunteer position coordinating afterschool activities. A perfect fit for her interests, skills and schedule. Then she finds out it’s an AmeriCorps position.
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| ![Image](image2.png) | When she hears about the Education Award, she’s excited at first, but also puzzled.  

**Dolores**: What am I going to do with this?  

She doesn’t have student loans to pay off and she doesn’t want to go back to school. Still, Dolores hates to waste that opportunity.  

**Dolores**: What should I do? |
| ![Image](image3.png) | Dolores talks to another AmeriCorps member, who tells her about some other options.  

**Other AmeriCorps member**: Well, Dolores, you could . . . study overseas . . .  

**Dolores**: If I wanted to go overseas, I could pick up and go anytime.  

**Other AmeriCorps member**: . . . take some art or music or other fun non-credit classes . . .  

**Dolores**: I could take that pottery class I always wanted to try.  

**Other AmeriCorps member**: . . . or maybe give your Ed Award to someone else. |
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| Dolores: There must be someone who needs the award more than I do... I know... my granddaughter Rose! | Dolores may be able to give her Education Award to someone else. Some restrictions and requirements apply, which Dolores reads up on. For Dolores to give her award to Rose:  
  - She has to be an AmeriCorps member who started after October 2009 who is age 55 or older  
  - Rose has to be her child, grandchild or foster child, as well as a US citizen, national or legal permanent resident  
  - And Rose has to use the award within 10 years  
  Dolores: Hmm. Well, Rose will be 18 in three years, and she’s talked about going to college. I’ll have to talk to her and her parents about it, but I think this is what I want to do with my award. |
Dolores talked to Rose and her parents about it. They agreed it would be a great gift and a good motivator to help Rose finish high school.

Dolores served her AmeriCorps term of service and earned her Education Award, which, three years later she gave to Rose after she graduated from high school.

Rose used the money to help pay for her enrollment at the state university, which got her started on the path to becoming what she always wanted to be . . .

. . . a veterinarian.

If you’d like to see if you can transfer your award to someone else, you can learn more on the Education Award website.