

# **SPIRITCORPS**

## **STORY COACH VOLUNTEERS**

Welcome to [SPIRITCORPS](#), a volunteer-driven 21<sup>st</sup> Century literacy and Social Emotional learning program serving seventh to tenth grade students from Maine to California. Born out of the pandemic, **SPIRITCORPS** is your opportunity to join a community of volunteers, tending to the spirit of our children through the profound power of story. Thanks to a new partnership with the state's Department of Education, we are slated to serve 12,500 students across Maine in the next two years. And, by decade's end, we expect 25,000 students annually will meet the **SPIRITCORPS** challenge, coast to coast. To assist on their journey of self-discovery, 1,000 volunteer Story Coaches will be needed!

### **THE PROGRAM**

**SPIRITCORPS** begins with heartfelt video stories from program staff and friends, inspired by the lives of the historic heroes we celebrate at [SPIRIT SERIES](#). This year, from the many virtues exemplified in the **SERIES**, schools will choose to explore Courage, Conscience, or Compassion. With guidance from their Story Coach, students complete a rigorous 5-Step self-discovery and writing process to identify, craft and record a true-life **SPIRITCORPS** video story of their own. These are then shared in finale presentations to classmates and school communities, with a representative sample featured at year-end regional celebrations.

### **THE PEOPLE**

Story Coaches mentor students with positive, constructive written feedback at three critical points during the **SPIRITCORPS** process. **You don't need to be the world's greatest writer** to Coach! Just a feel for good story and a commitment to advance the lives of the young people we serve. As an added benefit, and a crucial part of your training, all Coaches will also go through the 5-Step process, from pitch to video story of your own. Once trained, we ask that you give between **15-20 hours** of your time, mentoring as many as 20 students **during the school year**. To learn more, please watch this brief [video](#) and make the **SPIRITCORPS** [connection](#). Together We Grow!