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Orthodox Volunteer Corps is recruiting for its fifth cohort beginning fall 2026! We're looking for Young Adults 21-29 years old, ready to live their faith in service. **Applications are due February 19, 2026. [Learn more here.](#)**

OVC facilitates a domestic year of immersive service for young adults with the most vulnerable and rooted in the Orthodox faith. Corps Members live in community with one another in either Boston or Pittsburgh. We provide free housing and a modest living stipend. Through coaching, mentoring, and weekly seminars, Corps Members get a professional edge on their career.

Through our first four cohorts, we have gained many insights. **Here's one: Every profession can be a pathway of service.** That insight shapes our vision: *We strive for the day when every Orthodox young adult in America will consider a year of service.*

We are committed to this vision because we are seeing young adults in different professions embody service. Here's one example. Elliot was in our third cohort. He came to us with a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering. We arranged a placement for him with the facilities team at a mid-sized nonprofit serving the homeless. He spent the year helping to manage several buildings and open a new warehouse for donations. As a good engineer, he was attentive to systems, how to match donated goods (such as food) with those in need, including transport, timing, and storage. He also learned about people; many on the facilities team had experienced homelessness and addiction themselves. Following OVC, Elliot accepted a full-time engineering position back home. His job is highly specialized and does not have direct connections to his year of service. But he is applying his OVC experience to his volunteer work at Church. He is part of the men's group at his parish, and a number of the guys in the group have come out of addiction. Elliot knows something of that story from his experience last year. He also is working to advance another ministry of his parish. The church supports a local homeless shelter. Elliot is beginning to explore the local system of donation distribution, as he did during his service year, to see if he can connect the parish with a local food bank and thereby expand the ministry. **This is a pathway of service:** Think as an engineer; take learning from OVC back to the parish; serve with the church and the broader community.

We need engineers, business owners, social workers, doctors, and teachers who serve the Church and the world. Every year we have been training more young adults, with different professional backgrounds, for a life of service.

To reach our vision, we need your help. You can:

- [Learn more about OVC here.](#)
- [Nominate a young adult for OVC](#)
- Share about OVC at your parish during the Assembly of Bishop's OVC/Volunteer Sunday