



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: Early May through late Sept., 2010.

Length of Term: 450 hours total.

Interviews: Applicants are interviewed & placed on an on-going basis until positions are filled. Interviews are underway.

Application Deadline: March 15 or until filled

Position Title: Youth Garden LINKS Project Coordinator (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Food Roots, Tillamook, Oregon (www.foodrootsnw.org)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: Food Roots exists to cultivate a healthy food system in Tillamook County.

Project Location: 2105 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141

Transportation Information: This position is in a rural community, with limited public transportation; a vehicle would be helpful; a bicycle would be a good option if you have no vehicle.

Position Summary: Work closely with the Food Roots Program Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, youth participants and volunteers to increase local food production and knowledge in two different community based garden settings.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Review past garden activities, research local food system, develop garden production plans, fertility plans, a volunteer coordination plan and implement the above in a youth focused summer gardening project.
2. Work with Food Roots Program Manager and staff, youth and community volunteers to implement successful project that includes succession planting, maximum garden production, and extended season production.
3. Create system for recording project's data, activities and objectives.
4. Create plan for summer youth program that transitions into fall school activities.
5. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
6. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
7. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. Critical thinking skills, ability to plan, organize and implement plans; computer literate with Microsoft Office.
2. Must be able to mentally and physically perform the above duties, including lifting up to 40 pounds.
3. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment in the program.
4. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
5. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
6. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
7. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
8. Regular and reliable attendance.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Knowledge of gardening and production techniques, sustainable agriculture skills and youth community food programs knowledge strongly preferred.
2. Ability to work independently, be a hard worker and also work well in a team environment.
3. Ability to work with diverse rural communities, youth and volunteers of different ages, skills and abilities.
4. Positive attitude, sense of humor and willingness to work occasional weekends or evenings.

Member Benefits Include:

- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,250. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Share of the gardens' harvest for immediate household needs.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to info@foodrootsnw.org.

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#)

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking “Applications” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click “Search Listings” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu and search for program name **LINKS**.
4. Select the position listing and click “Apply Now” at the bottom of the page.

Questions about the project? Contact: Shelly Bowe, Program Manager, at 503-842-3154 X2 or info@foodrootsnw.org.

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