



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: October 2009 to March – May 2010.
Dates are flexible.

Length of Term: Approx. 20 hours/week, for 6 to 8 months. 450 or 675 hours total.

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

Application Deadline: Sept. 5, 2009

Position Title: LINKS South Coast Food Share Community Garden Volunteer (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Oregon Coast Community Action

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: Empowering people to work toward social and economic justice and independence.

Project Location: 2110 Newmark Center, Coos Bay, OR

Transportation Information: Located on the local bus route, Coos County Area Transit (CCAT)

Position Summary: Assist SCFS staff, ORCCA Development staff and VISTA members by working with local gardening groups, Master Gardeners, and local schools trying to establish community gardens and other community garden groups. Coordinate efforts to establish gardens and support education of local children on food sources, support “Grow A Row” projects, help establish SCFS garden on Community Campus, and more. Assist staff with fundraising and food drive events. Assist in SCFS office with any necessary tasks, in SCFS warehouse and food management tasks as needed.

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

1. Assist with coordinating efforts to establish local community gardens in Coos County, especially those at schools.
2. Assist in working with the Local Eating And Farming Group to establish a community garden in Coos Bay.
3. Coordinate volunteers, group events and activities with local gardening groups and Master Gardeners to support SCFS.
4. Assist local gardening groups to educate local children on food sources and gardening.
5. Coordinate composting projects at schools and gardens to promote “green” practices.
6. Assist with “Grow A Row” projects to donate food to SCFS and local pantries.
7. Assist with designing and establishing the SCFS Community Garden on the ORCCA Community Campus.
8. Support continued work on the Local Food Resource Guide, and other SCFS projects.
9. Assist SCFS & ORCCA Development staff & VISTA members with fundraising events.
10. Assist with other SCFS events as needed.
11. Assist in office coordination of tasks, records, data entry, and other necessary duties.
12. Work in the SCFS warehouse and assist on delivery days from Oregon Food Bank.
13. Serve as an active team member in all ORCCA & SCFS activities and meetings.
14. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
15. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
16. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending events.

Requirements:

1. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age. High School students encouraged to apply.
2. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
3. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
4. Regular and reliable attendance is a requirement of the position.
5. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
6. Submit to a criminal history background check (for both ORCCA and AmeriCorps).
7. Willing to sign confidentiality agreement.
8. Ability to work in excess of eight hours per day/evenings as required or to sit for as long as four hours at a time.
9. Ability to lift 20 lbs.
10. Food Handlers card may be required once position begins.
11. Must have drivers license or access to reliable transportation. Good driving record & proof of insurance preferred.
12. Be able to speak in public, write letters/reports, willing to work with others.

Preferred Qualifications/Skills:

1. Experience in public speaking and working on team projects.

2. Excellent understanding of grammar and basic business writing skills.
3. Customer Service experience (to help in working with clients).
4. Excellent phone etiquette and professional manners.
5. Understand how to use business software (Microsoft Word, Excel, etc), email, the World Wide Web.
6. Must be able to work in a fast paced environment.
7. Some college courses in business, social work, human services or other topics.
8. One business reference and a personal reference.

Member Benefits Include:

- Free tuition waiver may be available for higher education opportunities. *Find out more from ORCCA AmeriCorps Supervisor Hallie Winchell, at (541) 888-7108.
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,250 (450 hour term) or \$1,800 (675 hour term). 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).
- Professional development and training opportunities, potential course/internship/practicum credit, and benefit from gaining professional experience in a mid-size nonprofit organization.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to halliew@orcca.us. (Make sure to put LINKS application in the subject line)

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: Hallie Winchell, Development Coordinator, (541) 888-7108 or halliew@orcca.us.

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