



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Length of Term: 15-20 hours/week for 4 months.
300 hours.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Service Dates: September 1st -December 20th. Slightly flexible, give or take a week.

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

Position Title: Farm to School Educator (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Rogue Valley Farm to School (www.eaglemillfarm.org)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: To connect our community to food, the earth, and sustainable farming through hands-on educational opportunities.

Project Location: 100 Eagle Mill Road, Ashland OR 97520

Transportation Information: Close to bus line, bike path. Carpools available.

Position Summary:

The Farm to School Educator will be responsible for leading educational activities for elementary school students. Lessons will focus on sustainable farming techniques, seasonal eating, botany, ecology, and the relationship between farming and the environment. Activities take place outdoors in a farm and garden environment, as well as in the classroom.

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

1. Lead educational activities at farm sites, school gardens and school classroom.
2. Prepare the sites and maintain supplies and equipment for educational activities.
3. Fill out all necessary paperwork tracking class visits and student numbers.
4. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
5. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
6. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. LINKS members must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment in the program.
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. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
5. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
6. Regular and reliable attendance.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Knowledge of the local environment.
2. Comfortable in a leadership position.
3. Love of farming, gardening, and local food production.

Member Benefits Include:

- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,000. 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).
- An opportunity to attend non-profit development courses offered through the Small Business Development Center of Rogue Community College.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables from farm and garden sites!
- Internship or practicum teaching credit may be available for this position (check with your advisor).

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to melina@rvfarm2school.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: Melina Barker, Education Director, melina@rvfarm2school.org
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