



# Position Description

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**Type of Position:** LINKS AmeriCorps Member

**Length of Term:** Approx. 25 hours per month for one year. 300 hours total.

**Application Deadline:** Open until filled.

**Service Dates:** October 30, 2009 – October 29, 2010 Flexible.

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

**Position Title:** Watershed Education and Outreach Intern (1 position)

**Project Sponsor:** Yamhill Basin Council, McMinnville, OR ([www.co.yamhill.or.us/ybc](http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/ybc))

**Sponsoring Organization's Mission:** The Yamhill Basin Council works to improve watershed conditions and promote awareness and understanding of watershed issues to achieve healthy forest, farm, urban, and riparian communities in the Yamhill Basin. The Council seeks to:

- Conduct and coordinate education, outreach, and promotion of watershed information.
- Coordinate monitoring, habitat restoration, and education projects.
- Obtain funding for watershed projects.
- Act as a forum for bringing stakeholders together.

**Project Location:** 800 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, McMinnville, OR 97128. Projects take place throughout the Yamhill watershed.

**Transportation Information:** Personal vehicle usage for work activities will be reimbursed at standard state mileage rate.

**Position Summary:** The Watershed Education and Outreach Intern will work with staff and volunteers to implement watershed education and outreach projects. We need to teach people the importance of a healthy environment and to reconnect youth with nature. The intern will make presentations (indoors or outdoors) and instruct and lead volunteers at events such as tree plantings, seed collection trips, outdoor school, stream clean-ups, storm drain marking, and more. The intern will track and report event participation and volunteer hours in YBC database. The position requires field work in all types of weather.

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

1. Projects occur all year. (Actual field activity dates vary with the weather.) Fall: tree planting, outdoor or indoor watershed education presentations. Winter: indoor watershed education presentations. Spring: removal of invasive species, tree planting, outdoor or indoor watershed education presentations. Summer: outdoor presentations, stream clean ups, and storm drain marking.
2. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
3. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
4. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

**Requirements:**

1. Interest in ecology, environmental science, and/or biological science, and providing education to youth and adults.
2. Valid driver's license required.
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. Interest in providing watershed education to youth and adults.
2. Dedication to promoting the mission of the Yamhill Basin Council.
3. Enthusiastic, self-motivated, responsible, and resourceful individual.
4. Ability to work as a member of a diverse team.
5. Reliable, including reporting to work on time, and ability to meet deadlines.
6. Willingness to work occasional evenings to attend meetings or events.
7. Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills and organizational skills.
8. Knowledge of local natural resource/watershed or watershed council issues.

**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).
- Professional development and training opportunities.

**How to apply:**

**Step 1** - Email your résumé to [links.recruitment@esd112.org](mailto:links.recruitment@esd112.org) and to [ybc\\_coordinator@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:ybc_coordinator@co.yamhill.or.us).

**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:** Jean Reiher, Watershed Coordinator at 503-474-1047 or [ybc\\_coordinator@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:ybc_coordinator@co.yamhill.or.us).

**Questions about AmeriCorps, LINKS or our recruitment process? Contact:**

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