

PCEI AmeriCorps Program

PCEI provides leadership and professional experiences to AmeriCorps members by partnering with local organizations that address critical needs in the areas of Sustainable Community Planning and Conservation.

Position Title: STEAM Environmental Afterschool and Community Coordinator

Project Sponsor: UI Extension, Valley County

Project Summary: The intern will contribute to multiple initiatives underway in the UI Extension Office including:

- 1) Plan, promote, and teach STEAM Science and Environmental Education afterschool programs in Valley County working with youth populations.**
- 2) Engage Master Gardner volunteers and co-teach adult programs.**
- 3) Support and build interest in the West Central Mountains Food Coalition.**
- 4) Access interest in skills development program Inspire Idaho. The AmeriCorps placement would assist with the implementation of this class by inspiring the audience to think about app development to address community environmental challenges, coordinate classroom learning and (if interested) develop an app focused on environmental education and stewardship. The development of an app would require an additional 20 hours per month of study time. This would fall outside of AmeriCorps responsibilities, however would be an excellent professional development opportunity.**
- 5) Work with the 4-H youth development program.**
- 6) Co-teach and facilitate community programs to an adult population on energy efficiency, fire wise gardening, collaboratives, Facilitated teaching and other topics as community needs are identified.**
- 7) Investigate partnership with Envirothon teen program in Cascade, Idaho.**

Essential Functions:

Position Requirements

- 18 years of age or older, at beginning of service term.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving award.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through PCEI.
- Complete and submit all necessary PCEI AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Attend and complete all PCEI AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
- Wear PCEI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a diverse team.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability.

AmeriCorps members can enroll in multiple terms of service that add up to the value of two full-time education awards. In other words, you can blend summer, part-time and full-time service positions and receive awards as long as the combined service terms don't exceed two full terms. You can also serve additional terms but will not receive an additional education award.

Member Qualifications

Bachelor degree required in Horticulture, Biology, Agriculture, Technology, or Education.

Ability to plan, organize, and implement programming with diverse audiences.

Work independently on projects with minimal support.

Be flexible and work on multiple projects.

Member Benefits Include

- A taxable, monthly living allowance (\$13,992 paid over the term of service).
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$6,095.00 for a full-time position. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans or for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used. 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 the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable.)
- Basic medical insurance for those who qualify. Part-time members not working in a full-time capacity (40 hours/week) do not qualify.
- Childcare allowance for those who qualify.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.
- Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals and conduct all activities in full accessible settings.

Project Location and/or Transportation Needs:

Cascade, Idaho

Dates of Service: Full-time: 11 months, between October 2018 and August 2019 (These dates are approximate. Part-time: 5 ½ months at approximately 40 hours/week, or position can be spread out over 11 months on an alternate weekly schedule. Dates may be flexible.

