

# AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator

**Start-Date:** August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 2-week orientation  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 AmeriCorps term begins

**End-Date:** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Newport, Vermont



## **About Green Mountain Farm-to-School**

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a nonprofit organization promoting the health and well-being of Vermont's children, farms and communities by providing programs to connect schools and farms through food and education. In the 2021-2022 academic year, GMFTS aims to serve school communities in the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) of Vermont with school gardens, educational programming and fresh local farm foods, benefiting over 5,000 students. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all. For more information about GMFTS, please visit [www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org](http://www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org).

## **Position Description**

This position is part of the Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program (LEAP). LEAP is a national service program that places AmeriCorps members with non-profit organizations throughout the NEK of Vermont to support those organizations in expanding their services that many communities rely on. LEAP supports their members in their path to educational and career attainment through direct service, on-going trainings, and professional development opportunities offered during the service year. Position dependent upon LEAP federal funding.

The primary responsibilities of the AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator will be to develop, grow, present, and evaluate GMFTS' Farm-to-School Programs. This is a full-time year-long AmeriCorps position. The Farm-to-School Coordinator reports to the Farm to School Program Manager.

## **The AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator will:**

- Develop and maintain relationships with GMFTS partners
- Serve as the primary contact for 3-5 schools
- Create lesson plans for programming and maintain educational materials
- Conduct Harvest of the Month taste tests by cooking with students and serving at lunch
- Facilitate and lead farm field trips of various types
- Deliver in-class workshops to K-8 students on food and agriculture topics
- Plant, maintain, and harvest school gardens
- Regularly record programming data for evaluation and documentation
- Photo document activities and upload in a timely manner
- Facilitate Farm-to-School Committee meetings
- Create educational newsletters showcasing programming at schools
- Serve as an independent member of a team of Coordinators
- Work closely with school staff, students, and food service directors
- Plan, organize, and attend community and organizational events like Harvest Festivals
- Recruit and train community volunteers
- Design outreach and publicity materials
- Communicate organization's mission through social media (Facebook, Instagram)

## **Qualifications**

- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Valid driver's license
- Reliable private vehicle
- Some knowledge of local food systems and sustainable agriculture
- Some knowledge of gardening and vegetable production
- Some teaching (formal or non-formal) experience
- Strong interest in working with children
- Strong public speaking, writing, interpersonal, and organizational skills

- Comfort working in a kitchen (home or commercial) desirable but not required
- Offer contingent upon results from National Service Criminal History Check

**Compensation:** AmeriCorps Members who complete their term of service in a full-time position will receive:

- A biweekly stipend totaling approximately \$15,300 for the year (subject to adjustment based on funding)
- Mileage reimbursement
- Health insurance if not covered under another policy
- Child care if necessary
- Student loan forbearance
- A \$6,095 Education Award for past or future education (subject to adjustment based on funding)
- Subsidized shared housing
- Career mentoring, professional development, and strong work experience
- Eligible for monthly SNAP benefits

**Equal Opportunity Employer**

Green Mountain Farm to School is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity of experience and perspective to enrich our work. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition, crime victim status, health coverage status, HIV status, military or veteran status, or any other protected classification, in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

**To Apply:** Submit a resume and cover letter to [jobs@gmfts.org](mailto:jobs@gmfts.org). No phone calls please. *Open until all positions filled;* with priority preference for those submitted **before July 5th.**