

AmeriCorps Farm-to-School Coordinator

Start-Date: August 19th 2024 2-week orientation
September 2nd 2024 AmeriCorps term begins
End-Date: August 1st, 2025
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 2024-2025 academic year, GMFTS aims to serve school communities in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom region with school gardens, educational programming and fresh local farm foods, benefiting over 5,000 students. For more information about GMFTS and this position, please visit our website: gmfts.org/get-involved/ameri-corps

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 nonprofit organizations throughout Vermont's Northeast Kingdom 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. This position is 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 position **starts August 19, 2024 and ends August 1, 2025** for a 1,700 hour term of service.

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
- Use database to collect, analyze, and report data for program evaluation
- Photo document activities and download in a timely manner
- Run after-school programs at schools
- Create educational newsletters showcasing programming at schools and taste test results
- Serve as an independent member of a team of coordinators
- Work closely with staff, parents, food service directors, and farmers
- 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

- US citizenship
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Knowledge of local food systems and sustainable agriculture
- Some teaching (formal or non-formal) experience
- Strong interest in working with children
- Some knowledge of gardening and vegetable production
- Excellent public speaking, writing skills, and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Comfort working in a kitchen (home or commercial) desirable but not required
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, rapidly growing non-profit environment
- 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 \$25,500 for the year
- Mileage reimbursement
- Health insurance, if not covered under another policy
- Child care, if necessary
- Student loan forbearance
- A \$7,395 Education Award for past or future education (subject to adjustment based on funding)
- Subsidized housing
- Auto scholarship
- Career mentoring, professional development, and strong work experience
- Eligible for monthly SNAP benefits

To Apply:

Submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to jobs@gmfts.org by June 1st, 2024. No phone calls please.



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