

AgCorps AmeriCorps Member Position Description

AgCorps Mission:



To serve Montana communities by providing Ag literacy and environmental stewardship education to create resilient, healthy, and engaged communities under the Big Sky.



Location	5404 W. Harrier St., Missoula MT 59808
Supervisor Information	Ian Finch, Food Access Program Director
Term of Service	This is a full-time 1700hr position. Term dates are January- November. Members are expected to serve 40 hours/week. Typical working times are Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM.

About AmeriCorps:

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. The AmeriCorps mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps continuously tackles the nation's most pressing challenges by getting things done for America.

Purpose:

AgCorps is a state AmeriCorps program administered by the Montana Department of Agriculture. AgCorps aims to improve the capacity of partner organizations to meet their mission, grow collaborations, provide effective programming, and create resilient, healthy, safe, and engaged communities in Montana. This program is also designed to serve rural and underfunded school districts in Montana that require more accessibility to Ag literacy materials.

Location:

Nestled in the Northern Rockies of Montana, surrounded by seven wilderness areas and at the confluence of three rivers, Missoula is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. You can kayak, raft or tube through downtown or take a relaxing hike in 60,000 acres of wilderness. Missoula is known for its blue-ribbon trout fishing (made famous by A River Runs Through It) and spectacular natural beauty. The outdoor recreational opportunities are limitless. Farm Connect Montana's offices are located at the historic LaLonde Ranch, a unique property that also houses their Farmer Tool Library and speaks to the agricultural history of the Missoula Valley.

Service Position Summary:

Farm Connect Montana is a state-wide organization and serves many different non-tribal and tribal communities across Montana. Our mission is to grow a healthy local food community by

preserving farmland, teaching new farmers, and making food accessible for all. This position will focus on assisting in the development and implementation of new community outreach and engagement strategies across programs and improve Farm Connect Montana's reach throughout the state. This position will be 80% in an office environment and up to 20% travel to farms and partner organizations.

Essential Functions and responsibilities:

- Assist with Partners on the Plate, a campaign that pairs local farmers with wholesale buyers
- Develop and implement outreach campaigns designed to train farmers on nutritional business incentives
- Implement local food promotional projects that connect consumers to local farmers
- Introduce local food supporters to Farm Connect's new office and programs through smaller on-site event opportunities
- Develop program and community outreach content associated with the above responsibilities for e-news and social media outlets
- Attendance to mandatory trainings (Orientation, Symposium, mid-service training and end of service training)
- Participation in evaluation and reporting (monthly reporting, bi-weekly timesheet submission and monthly check-in calls)

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

- Valid driver's license
- Ability to speak in public settings to multiple ages and demographics
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of multiple computer applications including Word, Excel and Canva
- Ability to be part of a collaborative team
- Excellent time and project management skills and attention to detail
- Adhere to program policies and procedures
- Demonstrate the ability to balance service activities
- Demonstrate professional behavior and use of appropriate language
- Demonstrate the ability to be flexible and serve cooperatively
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and resolve conflicts

AmeriCorps Program Benefits:

- Members receive a living allowance to cover basic expenses while serving
- Upon successful completion of service, members receive an education award based on the position's length
- While serving, members may qualify for student loan forbearance
- Healthcare/ childcare services are available while serving
- A monthly housing allowance if eligible (must be renting or have a mortgage payment)
- Other benefits include being part of an incredible community, being surrounded by professionals in multiple fields, and job shadowing opportunities

The Montana AgCorps Program, under the Montana Department of Agriculture, does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or any other discrimination not based on merit or qualifications.

- AmeriCorps alumni benefits include access to nationwide alumni network, many career resources, access to AmeriCorps alumni emails and updates

AmeriCorps Service minimum Requirements:

- Must be 18+ at the beginning of service.
- High school graduate, GED recipient, working towards obtaining a high school diploma/ GED
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria

For more information, please Contact:

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To Apply

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* All positions are contingent upon a successful background check and continued CNCS grant funding.

* Reasonable accommodations can be made for interviews and if selected, service activities.