

## 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.*



<b>Location</b>	580 Quast Ln, Corvallis, MT 59828
<b>Supervisor Information</b>	Zach Miller, WARC Superintendent
<b>Term of Service</b>	This is a full-time 1700hr position. Term dates are January- November 2025. Members are expected to serve 40 hours/week. Typical serving times are Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM.

### About AmeriCorps:

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities. The AmeriCorps mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

### Purpose:

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### Location:

Western Agricultural Research Center (WARC), situated on 29 acres of irrigated farmland in the Bitterroot Valley in Western Montana, is one of seven [MSU Agricultural Experiment Stations](#) (MAES). The MAES mission, established in 1893 by state statute, is "to conduct and promote studies, scientific investigations and experiments relating to agriculture, natural resources and rural life, and to diffuse information thereby acquired among the people of Montana." Each center focuses on regionally specific aspects of Montana agriculture, providing evidence-based and unbiased outreach and education to Montana producers.

WARC is the only center focused specifically on horticulture, specializing in high-value specialty crops, fruit and vegetable production, local food security and increasing sustainability and economic returns for small acreage operations. The station also conducts important research on row and forage crops, labor and labor efficiency, the complexity of the small business aspects of value-added products and start-to-finish operations.

### **Service Position Summary:**

The AgCorps member will gain research and crop management skills working on various fruit and vegetable projects at WARC. Outside of the growing season, they will gain experience with analyzing and communicating results to stakeholders. They will help develop and deliver outreach materials (publications, videos, web content). If desired, they could also gain experience with outreach to the broader stakeholder community, e.g., 4H, FFA, other youth groups, and the public.

This position will be in the field and on the road about 40% of the time. The remaining 60% will be conducted in a typical office environment. Transportation or mileage reimbursement for program activities, Per diem, and hotel fees will be provided as funding permits.

### **Essential Functions and responsibilities:**

- Assist in research and analysis of specialty crops
- Compile and communicate results of research to stakeholders
- Develop outreach and education materials for the center
- Conduct outreach events for the public
- Assist with events and workshops at the center
- 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:**

- Knowledge of design and editing software (i.e., Canva, Adobe, etc.)
- Communication and public Speaking skills
- Research and analysis skills are a plus
- Understanding or willingness to learn about agriculture in Montana
- Valid driver's license

### **AmeriCorps Program Benefits:**

- Members receive a living allowance to cover basic expenses while serving
- Upon successful completion of service, members receive a \$7,395 education award
- While serving, members may qualify for student loan forbearance
- Healthcare/ childcare services are available while serving
- A monthly housing stipend if eligible
- Other benefits include being part of an incredible community, being surrounded by professionals in multiple fields, and job shadowing opportunities
- 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 (17+ requires parental consent)
- High school graduate, GED recipient, working towards obtaining a high school diploma/ GED

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.

- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria

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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.