

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.



Service Location	300 River Dr N Great Falls, MT 59403
Supervisor Information	Matthew Hauk, Education Director
Term of Service	This is a full-time 1700hr position. Term dates are January- November 2025. 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. 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:

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 and position summary:

Great Falls is often referred to as Montana's basecamp with just over 60,000 people it is centrally located and home to an international airport. The city is halfway between Glacier National Park and Yellowstone National Park, nestled in between 4 mountain ranges, 3 rivers, 2 wilderness areas and 1 wildlife refuge, adventure is easily accessible in every direction. Stretch your legs on the picturesque 53 miles of trail that run along the famed Missouri River flowing right through town.

The Montana Farmer's Union is a grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the agricultural way of life. One of the three pillars of MFU is Education. This member will focus on developing the youth education programs that MFU is able to provide. One of their main duties will be to assist in the creation of a garden to be utilized at summer camp. This position will be about 70% in the field and 30% in an office environment. Transportation or mileage reimbursement for program activities will be provided.

Essential Functions and responsibilities:

- Create educational materials to distribute statewide
- Attend county events, county extension meetings and grower meetings
- Help establish a garden at the MFU summer camp facility
- Provide Ag focused lessons to youth throughout the summer

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

- A bachelor's degree or related experience
- Ability to drive and valid driver's license
- public speaking and communication
- direct education experience is a plus
- Understanding or willingness to learn about agriculture in Montana
- 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)

AmeriCorps Program Benefits:

- Members receive \$21,000 over the 10 months 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
- A \$300/month housing stipend if eligible
- Healthcare and childcare assistance
- Transportation and per diem reimbursements
- 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 or GED during your term or service
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria

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