



Host Site: Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers

Position Title: AmeriCorps Farm to School Nutrition Educator

Site Supervisor: Healthy Schools Program Coordinator, Rebecca Ulness

Summary: A part time AmeriCorps Farm to School Nutrition Educator works with the Health Choices Department of Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers to provide nutrition education to students in the culturally diverse neighborhoods of the Near Southside of Milwaukee. Through coordination with school staff and the community, the member will implement nutrition education to students in different setting such as in the classroom, garden, fieldtrips to a farm or taste tests. They will educate food service directors about sourcing local, healthy foods for the school districts they serve and will create an action plan laying out the steps necessary to procure local food into their programs. They will also be responsible for recruiting and mobilizing volunteers to enhance and increase the capacity of the AC F2S program. The goal of the program is to provide the tools necessary to decrease childhood obesity through education, cooking and gardening and increase access to healthy and local foods, and inform children about the benefits of making healthy eating choices.

Member Duties:

- Members will be responsible for communicating and collaborating with participating schools (administrators and teachers) to implement programming: nutrition, cooking, and gardening education on classrooms or after school programs for students 4K-12th grade.
- Member will assist to create or maintain school gardens; connect schools with local farms and organize fieldtrips for students.
- Member will also share information with other Members to create a statewide network; and provide data and information to be used in a best practices guide that can be used by other schools.
- Members will help develop strategies and build community stakeholders to make the program sustainable; collaborate on how best to bring healthy foods into schools; collect data and track program performance using measures such as the amount of local food purchased; attend training to support their roles; coordinate and facilitate local advisory committee meetings; and recruit and manage local volunteers.
- Member will represent the AmeriCorps logo at all times while serving in their duties as an AmeriCorps.
- Members will report to the site supervisor and the Farm to School Program Director.

Competencies: Member must understand the importance of promoting a healthy lifestyle and educating children on healthy eating and the positive impact of choosing local foods. Other critical competencies include creativity, flexibility in curriculum presentation, strong motivational and persuasive skills and the ability to work independently.

Terms: Work Schedule: Half-time (900 hours of service)- About 20 hours per week
Length of Tour: 12 months (Mid August 2018 through mid August, 2019)

Requirements:

- Age minimum: 18 years
- Education Requirement: High School Graduate/GED
- Experience educating children preferred
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills in a team setting
- Passion for inspiring healthful eating among youth and for promoting local, sustainable agriculture in communities of color
- Creativity and flexibility in curriculum presentation
- Working knowledge of work processing and spreadsheet software and ability to efficiently navigate the internet
- Ability to work independently
- Possession of a valid Wisconsin Driver's License and ability to provide one's own transportation for work purposes
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Must be able to completely pass a National Criminal History Check conducted by DPI-Human Resources before serving vulnerable populations as outlined in 45 CFR §2510.20

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in education, nutrition, environmental science, or agriculture
- Experience working with youth in an educational setting
- Volunteer or paid experience with socially, economically and/or ethnically diverse populations
- Experience working with food service in schools, restaurants, or other institutions
- Experience working with farmers
- Skillful in establishing and maintaining professional work relationships
- Experience recruiting and managing volunteers
- Bilingual in Spanish

Compensation: AmeriCorps Members will receive \$7,000 total living allowance divided evenly amongst the pay periods, an education award of \$2,960 upon successful completion of the service term, and student loan deferment while serving. Members will have the opportunity to attend local foods/ farm to school conference and ongoing trainings for professional development.

How to Apply: Application can be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/f2s/ameriCorps> Complete application and submit it along with your resume and a letter of interest explaining why you feel you are a good match for the Farm to School position in the Healthy Choices department to Kara Helget, AmeriCorps Farm to School Program Director.

To submit application documents or to for related questions please contact:
Kara Helget, AmeriCorps Farm to School Program Director
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