Sustainable agriculture, local food system AmeriCorps position in Western Maryland

Frostburg Grows seeks an AmeriCorps member (ACM)! Apply by Aug. 21, 2017

Full Time AmeriCorps position serving with Frostburg Grows will serve under the supervision of the Frostburg Grows Director and involve a variety of tasks associated with the provision of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to emergency food agencies including the Frostburg Summer Lunchbox program, the Food Pantry and the Food Bank. The ACM will also assist with tracking of data related to the number of individuals receiving emergency food. The ACM will also assist with providing training, education, knowledge, skills and referrals to help alleviate long-term hunger. The ACM will assist with tracking the number of individuals receiving support, services, education and/or referrals to alleviate long-term hunger and with developing and providing services via our community garden program. The ACM will assist with tracking the number of individuals that report increased food security of themselves and their children as a result of the activities provided including administration of pre- and post-program questionnaires. The ACM will assist with addressing food security and long-term hunger via the Western Maryland Food Council, a closely allied project with Frostburg Grows.

Additional efforts will include assisting with operation and development of a local food production training center, local food system development, and food security initiatives, helping to operate and maintain high tunnel greenhouses and the composting infrastructure. The position will include plant propagation and harvest, record keeping and monitoring, and periodic involvement in composting operations to aid soil fertility. Other duties include outreach/education on local food, crop planning, recruiting of student and community volunteers, and using social media.

Requirements for this position include:

1) Basic knowledge of agriculture, gardening and greenhouses or ability/willingness to learn these skills.

2) Ability to do physical work including lifting up to 50 lbs.

3) Creativity in programing and problem solving.

4) Ability to work outside of the normal 8:00 - 4:30 schedule including some weekends.

This is a full-time AmeriCorps member (ACM) position. The member will serve a total of 1,700 hours over the course of a year (average of 35 hours a week) from Sept. 1, 2017 through Aug. 31, 2018. The
member will receive a living stipend of approx. $12,630 and at the completion of their hours will receive a $5,775 Segal education award. Mandatory training for new members will be held in late August or early September in Frostburg, MD and the position will begin Sept. 1, 2017 (pending final funding). As a participant with the regional A-STAR! AmeriCorps program the member will be required to attend mandatory trainings throughout the year as well as take part in certain mandatory days of service or service events.

The position is in Frostburg, Maryland. The service year begins Sept. 1, 2017. To apply online, go to:

https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=7567

After applying online, please send an email, cover letter and your résumé/CV to Dan Fiscus at the email address below.

For best consideration applications must be received by Aug. 21, 2017

For more information and to send your application materials contact:

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