



WCC Individual Placement: Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator

Position Description

The U.S. Forest Service is pleased to partner with the Washington Conservation Corps to offer an 11-month AmeriCorps Individual Placement internship opportunity as the Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator at the Mt. Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS). This position will be responsible for serving with the U.S. Forest Service and multiple partners to coordinate and implement inclusive youth and community engagement activities that connect Puget Sound area communities with their public lands. Duty location for the position is Everett, Washington.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Established in 1905, the agency works with communities and organizations to conserve and enhance the watersheds, wildlife habitat and wild places across the 193-million-acre National Forest System. The 1.7 million acres Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is one of the highest visited National Forests in the nation with approximately 5 million visits annually.

After successfully completing the 11-month position, the coordinator is eligible to receive noncompetitive hiring status for a period of not more than 2 years, as provided by the Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005, Public Law 109-154.

Position Responsibilities

- Execute an inclusive youth and community engagement strategy.
- Develop, coordinate, and manage field-based and/or virtual community engagement, environmental education, and stewardship events that enhance the visibility and awareness of public lands.
- Develop events and lessons that integrate culturally responsive planning techniques and Next Generation Science Standards.
- Implement "Every Kid Outdoor" 4th grade classroom visits, field trips, and post activities with twelve Title 1 schools reaching more than 500 students.
- Coordinate and execute multi-day forest exploration events with diverse youth and partner organizations. Activities integrate stewardship, environmental education, leadership development, and career exploration.
- Willingness to participate in front-country camping event for up to six days.
- Collaborate with USFS personnel and partner organizations to develop new outreach opportunities, evaluate program/event performance, and provide recommendations for improvements.
- Assist in program communications and social media efforts to share program and event stories.

- Collaborate with USFS staff and partners to support federal employment recruitment efforts.
- Input and track accomplishment data within the Interpretation and Conservation Education database.
- Develop annual reports and present accomplishments to Forest and Regional Office staff.

Qualifications

- Must be 18-25 years old, with exceptions for those with military service or mental or sensory disabilities.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent U.S. Resident Alien
- Per legislative mandate, priority will be given to Washington state residents.
- Valid state driver's license and ability to operate a motor vehicle by the time of employment. Government vehicles are available for service-related travel but IP is responsible for travel to and from duty station.
- Must be able to pass a background check in order to obtain a federal government-issued identification card (known as LincPass) for computer access.

Pay and Benefits

- Living allowance of \$1,530* twice a month (\$3,060 per month, before taxes)
**This reflects a location-based elevated living allowance for positions based in King, Clark, Snohomish, and Kitsap Counties*
- AmeriCorps Education Award of \$6,895 (scholarship) upon successful completion of the 11-month contract (1,700 service hours).
- Educational loan forbearance from AmeriCorps on qualified loans.
- Health insurance offered by WCC. WCC pays the monthly insurance premium. Members are eligible for WCC-offered insurance on their first day of service.
- Access to the Member Assistance Program (MAP), which provides accessible and quality mental health services to AmeriCorps members.
- Access to the AmeriCorps Child Care Benefit Program for qualified full-time AmeriCorps State Members who need the benefit to serve.
- Three weeks of paid, professional training in addition to day-to-day training. Requires overnight travel.
- Up to three weeks of personal time off without a reduction in stipend

Schedule: This is an 11-month AmeriCorps position starting Oct. 2, 2023, and ending Sept. 5, 2024. Members generally serve 40 hours over four or five days each week.

Application

Submit an online application on the [WCC website](#) (select this IP position on the application). Email a cover letter and resume to Aleta Eng at aleta.eng@usda.gov.

About WCC and AmeriCorps

Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) is an AmeriCorps program that creates future leaders through community involvement and mentorship. The program supports more than 350 members and experienced staff statewide who restore critical habitat, build trails, lead volunteers, educate youth, and respond to local and national disasters. Learn more on the [WCC website](#).

AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](#).
