



WCC Individual Placement: Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator

Position summary

The U.S. Forest Service is pleased to partner with the Washington Conservation Corps to offer a 3-month AmeriCorps individual placement 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. A monthly \$350 housing stipend and per diem for overnight travel will be provided by the U.S. Forest Service for the 3-month IP position.

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 Forest in the nation with approximately 5 million visits annually.

Upon completion of the 3-month term, there may be an opportunity to continue in the Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator position through September 2023.

Position responsibilities

- Coordinate and manage field-based and virtual community engagement, environmental education, and stewardship events that enhances the visibility and awareness of public lands.
- Coordinate and execute multiday forest exploration events with diverse youth and partner organizations. Activities integrate stewardship, environmental education, leadership development, and career exploration.
- Prepare and lead safety discussions before each event.
- Camp for up to 5 days in a developed campground.
- Develop events and lessons that integrate culturally responsive planning techniques and Next Generation Science Standards.
- Collaborate with USFS personnel and partner organizations to develop outreach opportunities, evaluate program/event performance, and provide recommendations for improvements.
- Execute an inclusive youth and community engagement strategy.

- Comply and adjust programming according to COVID-19 guidelines set by the US Department of Agriculture.
- 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

- Applicants must be between the age of 18-25 on their first day of service (age restrictions are based on legislative mandate, and do not apply to those who have served or are serving in the military or those with a mental or sensory disability).
- Per legislative mandate, priority will be given to Washington state residents.
- Applicants must be eligible for AmeriCorps, and able to submit documentation of one of the following citizenship statuses: U.S. Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien. Learn more about AmeriCorps eligibility on the [WCC website](#).
- Daily health screenings for members are required as we continue to support the health and safety of our program and communities we serve amidst COVID-19. WCC-provided KN95 masks may be required under certain conditions such as serving with volunteers.
- Ability to serve outdoors in variable terrain and weather conditions.
- Valid state driver's license and ability to operate a motor vehicle by the time of position start date. 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.

Schedule

This is a 3-month AmeriCorps position starting June 13, 2022, and ending September 9, 2022. Members are expected to serve 40 hours over four or five days each week.

WCC AmeriCorps member benefits

Members will receive a biweekly living stipend based on current and projected Washington state minimum wage, in addition to the AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,678.57) upon successful completion of term. Basic health insurance and qualified loan forbearance is available. In addition, all WCC members gather twice a year for professionally-taught, career-

transferable trainings. Read more about training opportunities and a full list of benefits on the [WCC website](#).

Application process

1. Submit online application accessible on [WCC website](#) (select this IP position on application).
 - a. **Note:** The WCC online application prompts candidates to add references. Candidates who served a WCC term starting in October 2021 are expected to include their prior WCC supervisor and coordinator as references.
2. Email resumé and cover letter 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](#).
