



**Northwest Youth Corps – Corvallis Environmental Center
AmeriCorps SAGE Garden Education Assistant**

Project Sponsor: Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: The mission of the CEC is to provide learning opportunities and technical outreach to Corvallis area residents and businesses, giving them tools to pursue ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable practices.

Position Summary: The SAGE Garden Education Assistant will serve directly with the SAGE Garden Manager. The majority of the AmeriCorps member's service will take place at the Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE), the Corvallis Environmental Center's 1-acre production garden in Corvallis. The SAGE Garden Education Assistant will help in all phases of garden production, assist at educational programs, and recruit and lead volunteers.

Project Location

- Corvallis Environmental Center, 214 SW Monroe St, Corvallis, OR.
- Bruce Starker Arts Park, 45th Place & Country Club Drive, Corvallis, OR.

Transportation Information: Both locations are close to city bus lines and within biking distance and connected by bike paths.

General Responsibilities

- Assist in the implementation of the garden plan: including planting, weeding, watering and harvesting.
- Coordinate donations and purchases of supplies and plant starts.
- Recruit community volunteers and coordinate volunteer work parties at the garden.
- Maintain irrigation, garden tools and equipment.
- Track volunteer hours.
- Track produce donations.
- Coordinate deliveries with Stone Soup, South Corvallis Food Bank and other agencies.
- Lead and assist garden education programs.
- Participate in staff meetings.
- Plan and assist at community events at the SAGE garden.
- Must fulfill all AmeriCorps reporting requirements and attend all meetings at Northwest Youth Corps.

Desired Qualifications

- Ability to do physical work in a garden environment.
- Ability to work with volunteers.
- Able to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs. and work outdoors in variable climatic conditions.
- Familiarity with MS Office computer programs.

Schedule Requirements

The position is a 900 hour AmeriCorps term (this hour requirement is a minimum). The service will begin March 5, 2012 and end on September 28, 2012. Hours of service will vary each month; the member will serve 10-20 hours per week March-May and 25-35 hours per week June- September. This is a seven month term with occasional weekend and evening hours. Exact dates are subject to slight change.

Program Benefits

- Up to a total of \$6,050 living allowance dispersed evenly on a monthly basis
- Training; Loan forbearance, \$2,775 Education Award (upon completion of the 900 hours of service)
- The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing housing, food, and work clothes.

To apply: Please see the Northwest Youth Corps website for complete application requirements at http://www.nwyouthcorps.org/ameriCorps_all_positions.html. If you have AmeriCorps related questions, contact Kendra Henry at kendrah@nwyouthcorps.org or 541-349-7513. If you have questions about the position, contact Jen Brown at jen@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org or 541-753-9211.