



AmeriCorps



**Building Healthier
*Communities***

About the Position

Are you passionate about helping kids connect with local food? Do you have experience mobilizing communities? United General District 304 is looking for someone to join our team as a VISTA Farm to School Coordinator and serve the Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County community in our Healthy Eating programs. This position helps build capacity for Sedro-Woolley Farm to School by increasing partnerships, volunteerism, and communication about the program's positive impact. If you are interested in the fields of education, social services, interdisciplinary studies, or sustainability, a role as a VISTA provides valuable hands-on experience, training, and community connections. People of color, people with disabilities, veterans, and other candidates from underrepresented backgrounds and with diverse experiences interested in this opportunity are encouraged to apply.

Details and Benefits:

- 12-month (365 day) service commitment beginning in fall 2022
 - Full-time position (40 hours per week)
 - Includes 5 holidays and 2.5 personal days
- \$17,000 stipend for service – paid biweekly
- \$6,495 Education Award upon completion of service commitment or option for cash stipend
- Relocation allowance, if moving more than 50 miles for VISTA service
- Childcare assistance, if eligible
- Health Coverage (for details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, click [here](#))
- One year of non-competitive eligibility for employment in the federal government upon completion of service commitment

Qualifications Required:

- High School Diploma
- Ability to pass a national background check
- Reliable transportation

Experience Preferred:

- College degree in a relevant field
- Experience with program planning and development
- Highly organized and detail oriented
- Ability to work well in a team
- Excellent communication skills – written and verbal
- Comfortable facilitating group activities/programming with youth
- Experience with volunteer and donor engagement
- Experience managing content on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram
- Basic knowledge of gardening/farming or eagerness to learn

Position Responsibilities include:

- Developing and implementing volunteer recruitment, training, and retention plans for Sedro-Woolley School District (SWSD) school gardens
- Increasing program sustainability by pursuing diversified funding streams and in-kind support
- Assisting District 304 AmeriCorps and staff with the implementation and evaluation of school garden programming
- Developing relationships with school administrators, teachers, and PTA groups to support expansion of programming to new SWSD sites
- Building publicity and awareness through newsletters, blogs, social media, and by attending events
- Supporting school food service transition to local produce and scratch-cooking
- Developing materials and/or lesson plans to highlight new menu items and featured produce
- Participating in AmeriCorps service projects and local service opportunities
- Assisting host site with ongoing community initiatives and regional network responsibilities

About the Sponsor Organization and Host Site

United General District 304 (District 304) is a public hospital district in Skagit County, Washington with a goal of building healthier communities across six pillars of health and wellbeing: Active Living, Community & Professional Education, Engaged Youth & Communities, Healthy Eating, Thriving Children & Families, and Stewarding Assets & Opportunities. We are located in scenic Sedro-Woolley, the gateway to the North Cascades. District 304 is a dynamic organization with an over 20-year history of connecting people and communities with best-practice health promotion and prevention programming. Learn more about how we are building healthier communities at www.UnitedGeneral.org

For more information, or questions about the position, please contact:

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Please include VISTA in the subject line of your email

To apply, click [here](#) to submit an application directly through the My AmeriCorps portal. Or visit www.my.americorps.gov and search for listing #113492.