



About the Position

Do you love spending time with young people? Are you passionate about food, cooking, and gardening? If you are interested in joining the education, public health, or nutrition field, we have a unique opportunity to receive free training, build your resume, and make a positive difference in the lives of kids and families! United General District 304 is looking for someone to join our team as a Healthy Futures School Gardening AmeriCorps to serve the Skagit County community through our Farm to School programs. Farm to School builds resilient students and families by providing access to healthy local foods, nutrition and culinary education, and hands-on gardening activities. 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

- 8.5-month (1,200 hour) service commitment beginning in November 2022
 - Full-time (40 hours per week) AmeriCorps position
 - Includes 5 holidays and 2.5 personal days
- Monthly stipend of \$1,571.62 before deductions and withholdings
- Up to \$4,546.50 Education Award upon completion of service commitment

Qualifications Required

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

Experience Preferred

- Personal and/or professional knowledge of gardening, cooking, and the natural world
- Strong teaching and/or training skills and experience, especially with youth
- Skill and experience facilitating diverse groups and creating/maintaining a positive and effective learning environment
- Commitment to equity, inclusion, and belonging
- Familiarity with program planning and project management

Position Responsibilities include:

- Planning and conducting school garden and cooking classes for elementary students
- Providing support for middle and high school garden activities
- Tracking participants through pre and post evaluations to evaluate program delivery and impact
- Marketing programs through press releases, social media, and other media channels
- Establishing and fostering relationships with local organizations as partners and resources
- Writing local grants and donation requests to support nutrition and gardening focused activities
- Recruiting and engaging volunteers to build and maintain school gardens
- Participating in AmeriCorps large service project and local service opportunities
- Assisting host site with ongoing healthy eating initiatives and events

About the Sponsor Organization

The Washington Service Corps (WSC) believes serving others is a way of life. The mission of WSC is to promote and support community based initiatives that strengthen the capacity of local governments and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and small community-based organizations, to assist individuals, families and communities in need; encourage and value diversity by serving geographically diverse communities; recruit a diverse applicant pool that includes young and older adults, a balance of individuals who have not attended college and those with college experience, men and women, individuals with disabilities and individuals of all races, ethnicities, faiths and economic backgrounds; and increase the amount of volunteering and civic engagement in Washington state by recruiting, supporting and managing volunteers.

About the 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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