



AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Title: Community Outreach Coordinator

Project Sponsor: Oregon Environmental Council <http://www.oeconline.org/>

NWSA Mission: This position is in partnership with the Northwest Service Academy (NWSA), an AmeriCorps program of ESD112. NWSA's mission is: To preserve and restore the natural environment, and to develop community leaders through service and community partnerships.
www.nwserviceacademy.org

Project Location: 222 NW Davis Street, Suite 309, Portland, OR 97209-3900

Position Summary: The Community Outreach Coordinator will expand OEC's presence at community festivals and events by recruiting and coordinating volunteers (50%); assisting staff with outreach activities aimed at engaging citizens and businesses in environmentally friendly practices (40%); and conducting an analysis of outreach programs being undertaken by Oregon environmental groups in order to create a "guide to environmental groups" for the public and to determine where there are alliance opportunities (10%).

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

- Recruit, train, coordinate and track volunteers.
- Collaborate with staff to research volunteer needs and develop volunteer position descriptions.
- Assist with the development of materials such as displays, fact sheets and web pages that empower citizens to reduce their own contribution to pollution and create a better quality of life and healthier environment for all.
- Lead student-run, middle school-based efforts to reduce vehicle idling in the schools' vicinity.
- Give presentations at workplaces and other venues to educate Oregonians about environmental choices.
- Complete and submit all necessary NWSA/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Attend and complete all NWSA/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
- Wear an NWSA uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Position Requirements:

- Willingness to travel and attend festivals, presentations and meetings in various parts of the region.
- Willingness to serve occasional evenings and weekends.
- Ability to communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as community volunteers, middle school and high school students, business professionals, the general public, other potential project partners, and colleagues.
- Strong organizational skills; ability to manage multiple projects without losing sight of the "big picture."
- Ability to write and speak in a clear and compelling fashion.
- Self-motivation and initiative.
- Desire and ability to recruit and manage volunteers.
- A commitment to the Oregon Environmental Council's goals.
- A valid driver's license, clean driving record and ability to provide documentation.

- 18 years of age or older, at beginning of service term.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through NWSA and/or Project Sponsor Agency.
- Regular and reliable attendance.
- Have not previously served two terms in an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members may serve up to three terms in a National Service Program, but only two terms may be within an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members are only eligible for an education award for their first two terms of service, regardless of the type of term (full or part-time) and regardless of the successful completion of that term.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in environmental education a plus.

Member Benefits Include:

- A taxable, monthly living allowance (before taxes, approximately \$1,036).
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members/leaders receive an education award of \$4,725. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans or for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
- Child care allowance for those who qualify.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.

Transportation Information:

- Organizational vehicle is available for service activities. Member is covered by organization's vehicle insurance policy.
- Project site is accessible by public transportation.
- Monthly/annual transit passes are available for service activities and will be provided by the project sponsor.

Application Deadline: On-going until filled.

Interviews: No set schedule. Open until filled.

Service Dates: September 14, 2009 - August 17, 2010

NWSA Center: Lower Columbia Center

Type of Position: Individual Placement

Length of Term: 1700 hours (11-months)

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email résumé, cover letter and contact information for three references to the Project Sponsor for this position – Jen Coleman at jenc@oeconline.org. The Project Sponsor will conduct all initial interviews and recommend a candidate for this position. All recommended candidates will also interview with Northwest Service Academy.

Step 2 - Complete your application and submit materials to Sherrie Jackson at sherrie.jackson@esd112.org.

Application materials can either be completed online at the [AmeriCorps website](#) or downloaded from the NWSA website "[How to Apply](#)" page and submitted via email (preferable), mail or fax. A complete Member application includes the following:

- **AmeriCorps Application**
- **Two Written References**

- **Certification Form** - This document must be mailed or faxed to our office with an original signature.

Questions about the position? Jen Coleman at 503-222-1963 x105 or jenc@oeconline.org

General questions about AmeriCorps, NWSA or our recruitment process? Contact:

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