



AmeriCorps Farm to School Nutrition Educator Position **August 15th, 2024 – August 14th, 2024**

Host Site: Northern Waters Environmental School, Hayward Community School District

Application Deadline: until filled

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Overview:

Northern Waters Environmental School is seeking candidates to fill one AmeriCorps Nutrition Educator position with the Farm to School program. The position is a one-year commitment averaging 35 hours per week. The position will begin on August 15, 2024 and end August 14, 2025. The position will be under the supervision of the Northern Waters Environmental School principal. Work hours will typically fall between 8am and 3:30pm Mon-Fri. Occasional nights and weekends may apply.

Northern Waters Environmental School (NWES) is a project-based learning school in the Hayward Community School District (HCSD) where students explore their natural, economic and cultural environment to foster collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking. With educator and partner support, students develop the skills and confidence needed to achieve in all academic areas. NWES currently serves 42 students in grades 6-12.

NWES AmeriCorps members will work with middle and high school students, as well as advisors, farmers, food service personnel, parents, and a wide range of community partners on NWES Farm to School Program implementation within the HCSD.

Duties:

- Prepare and teach farm to school and nutrition lessons to NWES students that align with our environmental, project-based curriculum
- Assist with planning and implementation of weekly field days, including but not limited to preparation and processing of wild rice, maple syrup, and other locally harvested food resources
- Help promote local foods & farms through lunch activities & communication to staff & families
- Assist with planning and implementation of a school garden and greenhouse
- Assist with sourcing, preparing, and cooking food for community meals and overnight trips
- Develop materials and assist at community and school events and overnights
- Assist with planning and implementation of a school-wide food waste management plan
- Attend required AmeriCorps orientation and trainings
- Age Minimum: 18 years
- Education Requirement: High School Graduate/GED
- Possession of a valid Driver's License
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Must be able to completely pass a National Criminal History Check conducted by DPI-Human Resources before serving vulnerable populations as outlined in 45 CFR §2510.20

Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills in a team setting
- Strong communication and motivation skills
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced, flexible work setting
- Working knowledge of Google Suites (Docs, Sheets, Classroom, Gmail. etc.) or ability to learn
- Creativity, flexibility, and strong initiative when implementing curriculum and projects
- Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with students, colleagues, and community members
- Passion for working with middle and high school students in a school and outdoor setting
- Experience in education, nutrition, environmental science, local food systems, project-based learning, or agriculture is desired

Compensation:

Full time AmeriCorps members (1700 hours) will receive a living allowance of \$30,600 over the term of their service, an Education award of \$6,895 (upon successful completion), health insurance, and child care benefits (if income eligible).

Application Process:

Please submit; 1) the 2024-25 DPI AmeriCorps F2S application form (see link below), 2) a resume with three professional references (contact information is sufficient), and 3) a letter of interest explaining how your past experiences have prepared you for this position. If sending electronically, please use the subject line: "NWES AmeriCorps Application."

Link to AmeriCorps Application:

https://widpi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8d1vxtQw1MYgDye

To learn more about the Farm to School program in Wisconsin and Northern Waters Environmental School:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/farm-to-school/amicorps>

<https://nwes.hayward.k12.wi.us/>

This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.

