

Groundwork Lawrence: Cultivating a Healthier Lawrence, AmeriCorps Member Position

AmeriCorps Member Activities

- The member at GWL will serve as the, Cultivating a Healthier Lawrence, AmeriCorps Member.
- Assist with developing and/or compiling bilingual outreach, educational and workshop materials on soil testing, soil contaminants, raised bed and container gardening, healthy gardening, cooking and nutrition for a bilingual audience.
- Conduct outreach/relationship-building with vacant lot, homeowner and potential gardeners.
- Create and implement workshop presentations to give at meetings held by partner organizations and to current community gardeners. Create evaluation tool for workshops.
- Work with City to expand and support urban agriculture via the building of new community gardens and clean raised beds for homeowners.
- Measures vacant lot gardener's increased understanding of health risks by conducting pre and post tests
- Increase in number of residents with access to fresh, healthy food.
- Serve as the community liaison for GWL outreach efforts.
- Organize and manage the 2011 Spicket River Greenway Cleanup and event
- Support the Project Manager throughout the design and construction process of the Greenway.
- Other duties and projects as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school degree, GED certificate or agree to achieve GED within the year
- Minimum of 18 year of age, US citizen or permanent resident status
- Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods
- Bi-lingual (Spanish and English) verbal and written communication skills required.
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- Strong Computer skills and good written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (some night and weekends may be required)
- Background in community organizing, outreach, and/or multi-cultural settings.
- Experience/knowledge of community gardening, food security, and/or place-based redevelopment (Greenways, community gardens, vacant lot reclamation).
- Experience in volunteer recruitment and event management highly desired.
- Experience working with youth a plus.
- A CORI background check is required.

Member Benefits

Full time members are required to serve for a minimum of 1,700 hours and a full year at Groundwork Lawrence. Members will attend a national orientation the week of October 23-29, 2010 and monthly meetings and trainings hosted by the local LISC office. Groundwork Lawrence will also make additional training opportunities available. Members will earn a stipend of \$18,000 and are eligible to participate in the AmeriCorps health insurance program and may apply for childcare benefits. Upon successful completion of the service year, members will be eligible for a \$5,350 education award to pay off existing student loans or return to school.

Please send submissions to:

Candidates with less work experience but a passion for developing healthy sustainable communities are encouraged to apply. Early applicants will be given top consideration. Interested applicants should mail or e-mail a cover letter and resume to: HR, Groundwork Lawrence, 60 Island Street, Lawrence, MA 01840, hr@groundworklawrence.org.

The cover letter should explain your qualifications and your interest in Groundwork Lawrence and the position. City of Lawrence residents are strongly encouraged to apply.

LISC & Groundwork Lawrence promote equal opportunity in selecting AmeriCorps members. We are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.

