



Farm Educator Position Posting

1700 Hour AmeriCorps term September 2018 - August 2019

Real Food Farm (RFF) is Civic Works' urban farm operation that strives to build a just and sustainable food system by improving neighborhood access to healthy food, providing experience-based education, and developing an economically viable, environmentally responsible local agriculture sector.

Position Summary

Alongside the Education Coordinator, the Farm Educator will plan and facilitate educational programming at Real Food Farm, including youth and adult field trips to Real Food Farm, urban farming workshops, our high school Youth Crew program, and summer youth jobs programming. In addition, the Farm Educator will help maintain educational growing spaces on the farm, assist with field trips visiting the farm, record data about lessons and participants, and write entries for farm newsletters. We're looking for an educator who is great at both serving alongside youth (especially teens) and knowledgeable about food justice and food system topics.

Member Service Activities

- Leading field trips and service learning events along with education program team members for groups visiting Real Food Farm on weekdays and occasional Saturdays;
- Creating short-term internships for college and high school students in spring and summer, along with education program team members;
- Planning food and farming workshops for adults;
- Assisting with planning and facilitating summer job programs;
- Maintaining educational growing spaces, along with education program team members;
- Assisting Education Coordinator with strategic planning for education programming;
- Contributing to the documentation, evaluation, and adaptation of current education programming;
- Helping prepare and cleanup education spaces before and after each program;
- Contributing to media postings (Instagram, Facebook) and farm newsletters.

Desired skills & education

- A high school diploma or GED is required. If an individual has not completed one of these, they must commit to actively work towards obtaining a diploma/GED.
- Must be and remain drug free during the term.
- Valid driver's license, clean driving record, and experience driving in Baltimore is **required**. (Personal transportation is a plus)
- Experience in youth education, outdoor education, or a related field.
- General knowledge, interest, and experience in agriculture, food justice, nutrition, cooking, and youth development.
- Experience working with and forming positive relationships with youth
- Dependable, self-motivated, reliable, and organized.
- Strong verbal communication skills - both interpersonal and presentation skills.
- Ability to give and receive constructive feedback.
- Familiarity with Baltimore City.

Hours

This position requires 40 hours a week throughout the term in order to complete the 1700 AmeriCorps term of service between September 2018 to August 2019. Required late evening and Saturday events will cause the weekly schedule to shift.

Terms of Service:

The 1700-hour Civic Works AmeriCorps position includes a biweekly stipend of \$680 and an educational award of \$6,095.00 upon completion of service (that can be used for college, trade school, or to repay qualified student loans). Funding for ameriCorps members to participate in workshops and other professional development opportunities is also available. Additionally, team members are welcome to take extra produce throughout the season!

In order to be a Civic Works AmeriCorps member, you must be: at least 17 years old; a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or "lawful permanent resident alien"; and able to pass a drug test and criminal and sex offender background check.

As an AmeriCorps member you may NOT participate in the following activities:

- *Political Advocacy:* AmeriCorps members cannot engage in political advocacy. They cannot advocate for legislation or for a political candidate in any way. They cannot conduct voter registration drives or lobby government officials at any level.
- *Religious Instruction:* AmeriCorps members cannot engage in religious instruction. They cannot conduct religious studies, prayer groups, pastoral counseling, or any other activity promoting or providing information about religion. *This does not prohibit AmeriCorps members from participating in non-religious activities at religious meetings or services.*
- *Abortion Referrals:* AmeriCorps members cannot provide abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services.
- *Clerical Service:* AmeriCorps members may engage in clerical activities, such as photocopying, stuffing envelopes or answering phones for their own project. They cannot engage in these activities in assisting another person.
- *Fund Raising:* AmeriCorps members cannot seek in-kind donations and assist with fund raising events, mailings, or other activities, write grants (or portions of grants) or participate in capital fund raising activities or campaigns.

The list above is a summary, for detailed prohibited activities go to the following link:

http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/12_0731_ameriCorps_provisions.pdf

How to Apply:

First, send a cover letter and resume or a completed [application](#) to rffeducation@civicworks.com with "Farm Educator" in the subject line. Paper applications can be sent to Jackie Goulet, Real Food Farm, 2701 St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213.

Then, apply for the position through AmeriCorps by visiting myamericorps.gov to login or create a myAmeriCorps account and search listings for "Real Food Farm."

Applications are due by midnight on Sunday, September 2, 2018. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis starting in August. The start date for this position is expected to be on or around September 18, 2018.