

AMERICORPS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Youth Educator

Field of Service: Farm to School

Service Site: Cloud City Conservation Center & Lake County School District

Address: 130 W 5th St, Leadville, CO 80461

Site Supervisor's Name: Emily Olsen

Slot Type: Full Term

Minimum # of hours to complete term: 1700

Start Date: January 15th

End Date: December 15th

Program Overview

Localizing our food system is one of the most impactful and actionable steps we can take to solve so many of our global problems. Across the central Rocky Mountains and southwestern Colorado, AmeriCorps service with Mountain Roots Healthy Futures Program builds social, economic, and environmental health for rural communities. We work with ten organizations throughout the region who are leaders in their fields, activating community-driven initiatives including Farm to School, Regenerative Agriculture & Community Gardens, Hunger Solutions (Community Food Security), and other programs in public health, conservation, and the environment. Join us for anywhere from one season to up to two years of mentored service, where you'll build a bridge from college to career while building and sustaining healthy communities, healthy people, and a healthy environment.

Organization Overview

Cloud City Conservation Center (C4) fosters pathways to a healthier planet and community through initiatives that inspire the conservation of our natural environment in Leadville and Lake County, CO. Our current program areas include: energy efficiency, waste diversion and sustainable food. As part of our work we operate the only produce farm in Lake County, Cloud City Farm.

Service Description

The Youth Engagement Coordinator will support opportunities for hands-on nutrition and farm education at Cloud City Farm and in the classroom for Lake County Youth as part of C4's Environmental Education Program. They will develop and implement activities that engage youth in all areas of the food system with a focus on utilizing Cloud City Farm as an outdoor classroom.

AmeriCorps Member Duties

- Serve with C4 Environmental Education Manager to increase opportunities for youth in Lake County to participate in nature based environmental education with a focus on utilizing Cloud City Farm as an outdoor classroom.
- Design & deliver engaging, hands-on food systems lessons to Lake County students in grades pre-K-12 that meet school standards in the classroom, at Cloud City Farm and outdoors in the natural environment. Integrating activities into subjects such as math, science and history, working with teachers and school administrators to increase food and nutrition education in curricula, and more.
- Grow healthy food with students, teachers, and community members at Cloud City Farm and Community Garden, an educational setting where kids can get their hands dirty and experience what they're learning first-hand.
- Build strong, collaborative relationships with community partners, teachers, families, and school administrators.



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- Support access to Healthy Food by promoting food access points throughout the community within the School System to students, parents and educators.
- Partner with Get Outdoors Leadville! to provide farm education during the summer months via the Rockies Rock summer camp.
- Participate in the Lake County Food Access Coalition (Monthly Meetings & additional committee meetings).
- Support the Environmental Education Program as needed by the Program Manager.
- Support the operation of Cloud City Farm as needed by the Farm Manager.

Location and Service Conditions:

This position is based at Cloud City Conservation Center, 130 W 5th St, Leadville, CO 80461 and will involve Lake County School District. Position will involve frequent days of service outdoors and/or in a school.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to working hard in service of local communities in order to make a difference
- Motivation to serve full-time in a limited resource community
- Perseverance in the face of challenges and creativity in finding solutions
- Respect for diversity of opinion, experience, and background
- Experience working in or studying food systems, agriculture, public health, education, school nutrition, culinary arts, community organizing, or public service
- Experience working or volunteering in education, youth development, or other teaching setting
- Desire to gain hands-on experience for your career

AmeriCorps Required Qualifications:

- At least 17 years old at start of service
- Must be a high school graduate, GED recipient, or working toward attaining a high school diploma or GED during the term of service. Members must obtain either a diploma or GED before using an education award.
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States
- Able to pass a National Service Criminal History Check (state, FBI, and National Sex Offender Public Website checks) per 45 CFR 2540.202

Healthy Futures AmeriCorps Program Benefits

- \$19,360.00. Living Allowance - AmeriCorps Member(s) will receive total stipend paid bi-weekly at \$806.67 over the course of the term.
- \$6,895.00 Education Award / Tuition Assistance - AmeriCorps Member(s) can receive an Education Award upon successful completion of service. This can be used to pay back student loans, or to further your education.
- Eligible AmeriCorps Members can receive childcare assistance.
- All Members receive professional development and training, plus covered travel costs for attendance at state or regional conferences.
- All members may be eligible for Federal program assistance (SNAP, Medicaid, etc.)
- All members may qualify for student loan forbearance (postponing the payment of loans) while in service.
- Alumni benefits may include priority hiring with organizations that are part of Employers of National Service and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to eliminate educational debt.

About the Living Allowance

An AmeriCorps Living Allowance is not a wage, salary, or hourly pay. You are enrolling in a SERVICE position, not a job. The Living Allowance is a stipend designed to support the basic necessities of the individual while in service, such as room and board, utilities, and transportation. Carefully consider this when applying.



Place an "X" beside all that apply.

EDUCATION PREFERRED FOR THIS POSITION <i>(select all that apply)</i>	
X	High School Diploma or equivalent
	Technical / Vocational School or Apprenticeship
	Some College or AA Degree
	Bachelor's Degree
	Master's Degree

ESSENTIAL SKILLS			
X	Youth Education / Teaching	X	Communications
X	Environment / Conservation		Community Organizing
	Social Services / Health & Human Services	X	Teamwork
X	Agriculture, Farming, & Gardening		Outreach & Engagement
	Animal Husbandry		Working with vulnerable populations
	Trade / Construction	X	Language – Spanish (Recommended, not required)
X	Cooking		Other <i>[specify]</i>

OTHER	
X	Car Recommended
X	Permits attendance at school during off hours
X	Permits working at another job during off hours
X	Typical schedule, Monday-Friday
X	Flexible hours are required, including some weekends or evenings
X	Current Resident of or knowledge of Lake County, CO

