



AmeriCorps Youth Garden Corps

Common Threads connects kids to healthy food in the garden, in the kitchen, and at the table. We want kids to grow up making food choices that are good for their bodies, their communities, and the environment. Founded in 2007 and based in Bellingham, Washington, Common Threads is a grassroots, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes a “seed to table” approach to food production, good nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Most of our programs take place on public school grounds, during the school day. Additionally, Common Threads runs after-school gardening and cooking programs and spring/summer camps in our school gardens and at our urban farm site.

Common Threads celebrates diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all volunteers and employees. Only by fostering the inclusion of people from all backgrounds, cultures and attributes, can people at Common Threads achieve their fullest potential and best advance the goals and mission of the organization.

Responsibilities

Each Youth Garden Corps members will serve in close partnership with our team of Food Educators to:

- Support school gardens during the summer months by helping to host work parties and garden events
- Support healthy meals for low-income kids by helping to lead *Kids Cook!* after school and summer meal programs (kids help to prepare and then eat a healthy meal)
- Help engage younger students in exploration of nature, gardening, and healthy food by acting as junior leaders at Common Threads’ summer camp programs
- Complete a minimum of 300 hours within the service term April 01 - July 31, 2020
 - Required 8 hours of pre-service training March 6
 - Optional pre-service training during the week of March 16
 - Optional 30-40 hours of service the week of April 6-10 (spring break)
 - 4-8 hours of service each week from April 13 - June 12 (which will be scheduled according to program needs and applicant availability)
 - 30-40 hours of service weekly from June 15 - July 31 (start date contingent on end of school date)

Compensation

- Living allowance of \$2,647 (one monthly payment of \$661.75 pre-tax April-June)
- Education Award from the National Service Trust in the amount of \$1,289.95 upon successful completion of service
- Opportunity to learn and grow in the company of other passionate service members
- Professional development including outdoor education, farming, nutrition, trauma-informed education, etc.

Skills and Qualifications

Minimum requirements:

- Must be 17 years or older by April 1, 2020
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or legal permanent resident of the U.S.

The ideal candidate will:

- Be passionate about making the world a better place
- Be excited to build skills and confidence as educators, health advocates, and environmental stewards
- Be interested in developing leadership and communication skills
- Be reliable, flexible, able to work well with others, and self-motivated
- Willing to serve outside in all weather

To apply, please visit this link: commonthreadsfarm.org/amicorps

- Applications accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Do not delay!

Common Threads is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation/gender identity, age, disability, honorably discharged veteran or military status. For questions or to request reasonable accommodation in the application process, please email sarah@commonthreadsfarm.org or call 360-927-1590.