



School Garden Assistant

Spring/Summer 2023

Are you looking for a part-time paid summer opportunity?

Would you like to earn an AmeriCorps Stipend and Educational Award while making your community better?

Are you interested in gardening, farming, being outdoors, and supporting kids in your community?

If so, Common Threads' School Garden Assistant role may be a good fit for you!

Our ideal candidates will:

- Be curious, adaptable, and caring
- Be excited to serve outdoors in a variety of weather, get your hands dirty, and support school gardens
- Be responsible for arriving on time, prepared with lunch, water, and appropriate clothing for the weather
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve flexibly as part of a team as well as a willingness to communicate promptly about scheduling, questions, problems, and challenges
- Contribute lived experience that helps diversify the perspectives represented on our team. People of color, transgender individuals, members of the LGBTQ community, people whose first language is one other than English, men, high school students, and people with lived experience of hunger and poverty are particularly encouraged to apply.

Position responsibilities:

- Attend training at the beginning of summer.
- Collaborate with Common Threads Food Educators to take care of school gardens: weeding, watering, planting, harvesting and making needed improvements or repairs.
- Host community volunteer hours. Typical service hours will be between 8 am to 4 pm, with some potential for service outside of those hours. The meeting place will be Whatcom Middle School (for carpooling to various sites.) Meeting the team at specific service sites can be arranged with good prior communication.

Other requirements:

- Willing to have a Washington State Background check run (a criminal record is not necessarily disqualifying)
- Willing to wear a Common Threads T-shirt while serving
- Meet AmeriCorps citizenship requirements
- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or able to demonstrate a religious or medical exemption.

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- Be 17 years old or older by the time you start

Compensation and Benefits:

- Professional development opportunities in education, agriculture, nutrition, communication and more
- Opportunity to learn, grow and be of service in the company of a passionate team with strong mentorship and support
- Monthly stipend based on service term hours: A 100 hour term is approximately \$483.00/month (pre-tax) over 3 months (avg 8 hrs/week); a 300 hour term is approximately \$1419/month (pre-tax) over 3 months (avg 20 hrs/week)
- [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) from the National Service Trust upon successful completion of service. Prorated based on service term hours.
- [Student Loan forbearance](#) on qualifying loans during the service term
- [Basic Food Benefits](#) eligibility

To apply:

- Fill out our application online at [Common Threads Farm AmeriCorps Application](#). If computer access is a barrier to applying, please contact us for a paper application.

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