



AmeriCorps Mobile Food Truck Specialist

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 nourishes curiosity, joy, bravery and community through seed-to-table education. Historically, most of our programs have taken place on public school grounds, during the school day. Common Threads also runs after-school gardening and cooking programs at schools and affordable housing complexes, and spring/summer camps at a variety of Whatcom County sites. New in 2023, Common Threads will be launching a mobile food truck whose primary purpose is to provide free nourishing foods to hungry kids in the places and at the times where they need them most.

At Common Threads, we hold ourselves accountable (individually and as an organization) to a life-long learning journey to better understand the roles that each of us can most appropriately play in dismantling systemic and structural oppression and building a more just and equitable world.

We are currently seeking AmeriCorps Service members for our 2023/2024 team, starting 6/26/23 and going to 6/21/24 (1700 hour service term). We will also consider part time service opportunities on an individual basis.

Skills and Qualifications:

Minimum Requirements:

- A U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S.
- At least 17 years of age by June 23, 2023
- Have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent (or agree to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent before using the Segal Education Award)
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria
- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or obtain a religious or medical exemption

This position will be a great fit for you if you:

- Are passionate about connecting kids to healthy food from seed to table
- Have a strong community service ethic
- Are eager to develop and share your cooking skills
- Are willing and able to serve in-person and remotely in Bellingham and Whatcom County, and potentially travel to multiple service sites in Bellingham and Whatcom County (via personal vehicle, Common Threads vehicle, bike, etc.)
- Are resilient, resourceful, and reliable
- Demonstrate commitment, creativity, adaptability, attention to detail, and the ability to serve both independently and as part of a team
- Are able to be a proactive self-starter on projects
- Possess a valid driver's license and a safe driving record

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The ideal candidates will also:

- Have experience teaching or working with youth, especially elementary and middle school students
- Have experience and/or training in the culinary field
- Be familiar with Google Suite, Zoom, and Slack
- Bring Spanish, Russian or Punjabi language skills
- Contribute lived experience that helps diversify the perspectives represented on our team. People of color, non-binary individuals, members of the LGBTQ community, people whose first language is one other than English, elders, men, high school and college students, and people with lived experience of hunger and poverty are particularly encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with Cooking Program Manager to operate Common Threads' mobile food truck program
- Efficiently prepare scratch-cooked meals and snacks using local and seasonal ingredients
- Ensure that the food truck consistently meets the highest standards of food safety and cleanliness
- Serve meals to kids with enthusiasm, dignity, and care
- Engage kids in hands-on food education activities and cooking lessons
- Safely drive the Common Threads food truck throughout Whatcom County
- Complete administrative tasks in a timely manner: including email communications, data & story collection, OSPI reimbursement forms, etc.
- Participate in training at the beginning of summer and throughout service term

Depending on community needs and applicant's skills, interests, and availability, each AmeriCorps member may also play role in the following:

- Co-teaching at one or more of Common Threads' partner schools or community gardens: planning and leading cooking lessons in the winter and garden lessons in the spring and fall
- Facilitating after school and school break youth cooking and/or gardening education programs
- Developing and leading trainings on topics with which the member has passion and expertise
- Assisting other organizational or community partnership projects

Compensation and Benefits

- Opportunity to learn, grow and be of service in the company of a passionate team with strong mentorship and support
- Monthly living stipend based on service term hours - Total compensation for 1700 hour term is \$26758 (pretax). We are also offering a 14 month service term from June 2023- August 2024.
- [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
- Health care coverage, including dental and vision (full-time positions only)
- [Subsidized childcare](#) for qualified members
- Professional development opportunities in education, agriculture, nutrition, communication and more

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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