



## Farm & Education Assistant AmeriCorps (1700 Hour) Description

This AmeriCorps position is an exciting opportunity to assist Wasatch Community Gardens' GREEN TEAM Farm Director in running a garden-based job training farm for eight women experiencing homelessness, as well as support the Community Education Director in facilitating on-going organic gardening workshops and organizational events. This position will be responsible for doing basic farm and garden work, assisting with administrative tasks, facilitating adult workshops, and assisting as needed at all organizational events.

Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) empowers people of all ages and incomes to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. The 1700 Hour AmeriCorps with WCG will develop professional non-profit career experience, work with a population of women who have barriers to traditional employment and with individuals who have severe mental illness, attend 35+ educational workshops, and assist other WCG Program Directors to gain exposure to youth programming, community gardening, and outreach activities. Benefits include receiving fresh garden produce throughout the growing season, obtaining hands-on experience with growing organic food at both a farm and garden level, and spending time outdoors in our beautiful teaching gardens.

Hours: 10 month, 1700-hour position (February 4th, 2019 through December 6, 2019), averaging 40 hours/week.

Compensation: This is an individual placement position through the Utah State University Utah Conservation Corps Program, which will provide the selected individual(s) with:

- An educational award of \$6,095 upon successful completion of AmeriCorps service hours
- A living stipend of \$13,732, paid in even disbursements throughout terms of service
- Health Insurance
- Childcare, for qualified members
- Federal student loan forbearance and interest accrual during term
- Workers Compensation
- Gain leadership training and practical experience in their future career field
- Become more civically engaged in the local community
- Boost their marketability for post-service job searches

### Primary Responsibilities:



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- Work with Farm Director to plant, harvest, and maintain 1.5-acre organic vegetable farm
- Assist Farm Director in overseeing the eight women participants and administrative tasks
- Provide support to Education Director with 35+ adult education workshops; perform data entry following each class
- Provide support to Education Director with gardening mini-workshops, cooking lessons, and pop-up markets at a supportive housing unit for individuals with severe mental illness
- Provide support to Education Director as needed in demo/teaching garden and greenhouse
- Provide support to Education Director and other staff with organizational events

#### **Required Qualifications / Experience:**

- Strong interest in organic gardening and farming combined with food justice issues
- Ability to perform physical garden work in variable weather conditions
- Ability to regularly lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to organize and manage groups
- Competence with Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Sheets
- Transportation to/from farm and garden, office, supportive housing unit, and occasional garden site visits, (some transportation reimbursements available)

#### **Preferred Qualifications / Experience:**

- Prior experience working with diverse and vulnerable populations
- Basic organic gardening skills helpful
- Data entry experience preferred

#### **To Apply:**

Send a resume, cover letter, and three references, with **1700 Hour AmeriCorps Farm & Education Assistant Application** in the subject line, to [openings@wasatchgardens.org](mailto:openings@wasatchgardens.org). Position open until filled, but applications received prior to **5:00 pm Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** will receive priority consideration. Resumes without a cover letter will not be considered. **Note: This position requires a rigorous background check prior to start date.** For questions, please email [openings@wasatchgardens.org](mailto:openings@wasatchgardens.org).

People of color, women, veterans, and LGBTQ candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. WCG is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in its employment decisions on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, national origin, mental or physical disabilities, sexual orientation, or any other similarly protected status.