



WASATCH
COMMUNITY
GARDENS

900-Hour UCC AmeriCorps Bilingual Youth Educator (Spanish) Youth & School Garden Program

Organization and Job Description

Founded in 1989, Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that works to empower people to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. WCG achieves its mission by providing access to land, educational opportunities, job training, and community building events.

The WCG Youth & School Garden Program works to develop the awareness, knowledge, and skills youth need to grow and eat healthy, local food through providing educational opportunities and materials (remotely in 2021). Our purpose is to engage youth communities through gardening and local food, cultivate curiosity and food literacy with young learners, and inspire them to make healthy choices for themselves, their community, and the environment. Our team values continual learning, community-building through food, and having fun and seeks applicants who are invested in these goals.

The UCC AmeriCorps Bilingual Youth Educator (Spanish) is primarily responsible for (1) developing curriculum for remote garden and cooking education programs both in Spanish and English and (2) assembling and distributing educational kits. The UCC AmeriCorps will also assist in maintaining teaching/production gardens, work with community partners, and assist at WCG events.

This position requires knowledge of educational lesson development, the ability to work as part of a team, and a passion for teaching youth and their families to grow and eat healthy, organic, local food. Through this position, the UCC AmeriCorps member will have the opportunity to learn about outdoor education, sustainable food production, community engagement, and non-profit work through hands-on experience and training.

Primary Responsibilities

Education – 80%

- Develop content and curriculum for remote gardening and environmental education programs in both Spanish and English
- Translate existing educational content and curriculum from English to Spanish
- Work with partner agencies, local community groups, and service-learning groups on garden and educational projects with a particular emphasis on multicultural programming
- Assemble and distribute remote education materials
- Document and review outcomes of educational programs

Gardening – 10%

- Assist in maintaining teaching/production gardens using sustainable and organic practices
- Harvest, record, preserve, and distribute produce from the teaching gardens
- Help facilitate garden volunteer groups, garden crews, and staff workdays

Additional Responsibilities – 10%

- Participate in staff meetings, work days, and trainings
- Assist with Wasatch Community Gardens' community events
- Propose and complete an independent "AmeriCorps Impact Project"
- Collaborate with other WCG programs – Community Education; Community Gardens; Job Training Farm; Volunteers; Outreach/Marketing; Development/Fundraising



Qualifications

AmeriCorps Qualifications

Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident and eligible to serve an AmeriCorps State/National term. Must be at least age 18 by start of their term and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must undergo and pass a National Criminal History Check. **Must commit to completing their Term of Service.**

Required Experience

- Ability to speak, read, and write proficiently in both Spanish and English
- Experience working with youth, particularly in an outdoor setting
- Experience developing educational lesson plans and curricula
- Basic knowledge of organic gardening, nature education, & healthy cooking or desire to learn
- Experience with multicultural community engagement and education efforts or desire to learn
- Commitment to learning about and practicing anti-racism, inclusion, and equity in food justice
- Positive and flexible attitude, ability to solve problems creatively, willingness to ask for help
- Desire to work outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Physical ability to lift and move 20 pounds, stand for extended periods of time

Other Preferred Experience

- Familiarity with environmental and/or experiential education methods
- Bachelor's degree in related field (education, social work, environmental studies, etc.)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, GoogleDrive applications, Adobe Suite

Schedule

900-hour position averaging 24 hours/week from March-November. Schedule is somewhat flexible and will vary throughout the growing season. Typical schedule will be Monday: 8:00am-4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday: 8:00-12:00 with occasional afternoons or weekends. Questions about schedule are welcome.

Job begins in March, 2021 and ends in November, 2021. Exact start/end dates are flexible.

Compensation

This is an individual placement position through the Utah State University, Utah Conservation Corps (USU-UCC) AmeriCorps Program. USU-UCC will provide the selected individuals with a \$7,559 living allowance distributed bi-monthly, an educational award of \$3,097.50 (upon completion of service term), student loan deferment during service, and optional USU university credit hours. Additional benefits of this position include professional development, holidays off, and fresh produce.

To apply

Send the following materials to openings@wasatchgardens.org:

- Resume
- Short response (no more than 1 page total) to the following questions:
 1. Why are you interested in this position?
 2. What strengths will you bring to our team?
 3. What is an example of a time when you faced a challenge and how did you overcome it?

Please put "UCC AmeriCorps – Bilingual Youth Educator (Spanish)" in the subject line of your email. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. **Note that applications without responses to the questions above will not be considered.**

Reach out to Maria Schwarz, the Youth & School Garden Program Director, with any questions you have about this position or the application process. maria@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.