

Farm-to-School Coordinator



Start-Date: August 18, 2014

Location: Newport, Vermont

About Green Mountain Farm-to-School

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a nonprofit organization promoting the health and wellbeing of Vermont's children, farms and communities by providing programs to connect schools and farms through food and education. In the 2014-2015 academic year, GMFTS aims to serve school communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont with school gardens, educational programming and fresh local farm foods, benefiting over 5,000 students. For more information about GMFTS, please visit www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org.

Position Description

The primary responsibilities of the Farm-to-School Coordinator will be to develop, grow, present, and evaluate GMFTS' Farm-to-School Programs and provide general operational and administrative support. This is a full-time year-long AmeriCorps position. The Farm-to-School Coordinator reports to the Education Director.

The Farm-to-School Coordinator will:

- Develop and maintain partnerships with GMFTS school and farm partners; Serve as the primary contact for 2-4 schools
- Deliver GMFTS educational programs and events including taste tests, farm field trips, and in-class workshops
- Create lesson plans for programming and maintain educational materials
- Coordinate and maintain school gardens
- Encourage local food purchasing by schools
- Design outreach and publicity materials
- Use database to collect, analyze, and report data for program evaluation
- Work closely with staff, parents, food service directors, and farmers
- Facilitate monthly Farm-to-School Committee meetings
- Work as an independent member of a team of Coordinators
- Plan and organize community events
- Provide general support to organization, as necessary

Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
- Knowledge of local food systems and sustainable agriculture
- Strong interest in working with children, teaching (formal or non-formal) experience required
- Some knowledge of gardening and vegetable production needed
- Excellent public speaking, writing skills, and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, rapidly growing non-profit environment
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation

Compensation: AmeriCorps Members who complete their term of service in a full-time position will receive:

- A biweekly stipend totaling \$12,200 for the year
- Health insurance, if not covered under another policy
- Child care, if necessary
- Student loan forbearance
- A \$5,550 Education Award for past or future education
- Monthly SNAP benefits
- Available housing
- Career mentoring, professional development, and strong work experience

To Apply: Submit a resume, cover letter and essay to jobs@gmfts.org. Essay topic: Please explain one thing you could do to introduce children to healthy local foods (maximum 200 words). Deadline for applications is May 1, 2014. No phone calls please. See website for more details. EOE