



Baltimore Orchard Project Youth Educator Position Posting

AmeriCorps term: September 2018 – August 2019

Civic Works *Baltimore Orchard Project (BOP)* works to strengthen Baltimore's communities through planting and cultivating orchards, teaching citizens to be long-term stewards, and sharing the harvest among neighbors.

Position Overview

Civic Works, Inc. seeks an individual with a demonstrated passion for youth education, food justice, community development, and the environment to help coordinate Baltimore Orchard Project's Youth Education program. The Youth Educator will develop curriculum involving science, art, and culture to empower students in taking care of their orchards. Daily tasks will include teaching classes k-12, writing curriculum, designing schoolyard landscapes, collaborating within the BOP team and developing BOP's educational partnerships.

Member Service Activities:

- Integrate Orchard Ecosystem Education into Baltimore City schools, after-school programs, non-profit educational programs, and youth groups
- Collaborate with BOP's Youth Education Team (Education Coordinator, one other Youth Educator, and MICA CAC Member)
- Support Baltimore City School teachers' use of the school landscape in their regular teaching hours through developing creative lessons and workshop curriculum
- Create and/or manage educational materials and spaces
- Support Education Coordinator in conversations with school administrators and hold activities with students through the pre-planting process
- Organize implementation of landscape adjustments decided upon by school community
- Regularly attend school and neighborhood meetings, block parties, service days
- Provide technical support for the stewardship and enhancement of existing orchards
- Collaborate with BOP Team members on carrying out community-building and awareness events (e.g. Potlucks, Mulberry Madness, Apple-anche etc.).

Desired Skills and Education:

- Previous experience with outdoor or environmental education preferred
- Experience or strong interest in facilitating a social justice, anti-oppressive classroom and service environment.
- Experience or strong interest in STEAM and hands-on learning
- Interest in nutrition or gardening
- Ability to effectively manage a classroom
- Possesses strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Must possess desire and ability to take initiative
- Ability to serve with a wide variety of communities and work with a diverse team
- Must be able to serve independently and as part of an integrated team
- High school diploma or GED is required, or commitment to obtaining a diploma/GED
- Must be and remain drug free during the term.
- Car and valid driver's license preferred (but not required)



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Hours

This position requires 40 hours a week throughout the term in order to complete the 1700 AmeriCorps term of service between September 2018 to August 2019.

Terms of Service

The 1700-hour Civic Works AmeriCorps position includes a biweekly stipend of \$680 and an educational award of \$5,920.00 upon completion of service (that can be used for college, trade school, or to repay qualified student loans). Funding for ameriCorps members to participate in workshops and other professional development opportunities is also available. Additionally, BOP team members are welcome to take extra fruit home from harvest events.

In order to be a Civic Works AmeriCorps member, you must be: at least 17 years old; a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or “lawful permanent resident alien”; and able to pass a drug test and criminal and sex offender background check.

As an AmeriCorps member you may NOT participate in the following activities:

- *Political Advocacy:* AmeriCorps members cannot engage in political advocacy. They cannot advocate for legislation or for a political candidate in any way. They cannot conduct voter registration drives or lobby government officials at any level.
- *Religious Instruction:* AmeriCorps members cannot engage in religious instruction. They cannot conduct religious studies, prayer groups, pastoral counseling, or any other activity promoting or providing information about religion. *This does not prohibit AmeriCorps members from participating in non-religious activities at religious meetings or services.*
- *Abortion Referrals:* AmeriCorps members cannot provide abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services.
- *Clerical Service:* AmeriCorps members may engage in clerical activities, such as photocopying, stuffing envelopes or answering phones for their own project. They cannot engage in these activities in assisting another person.
- *Fund Raising:* AmeriCorps members cannot seek in-kind donations and assist with fund raising events, mailings, or other activities, write grants (or portions of grants) or participate in capital fund raising activities or campaigns.

The list above is a summary, for detailed prohibited activities go to the following link:

http://www.americorps.gov/pdf/12_0731_ameriCorps_provisions.pdf

To Apply

First, send a 1) letter of interest and 2) a resume or completed [application](#) to Vanessa Lubiner, Baltimore Orchard Project, 2701 St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213 or via email to vlubiner@civicworks.com with “Youth Educator” in the subject line.

Then, apply for the position through AmeriCorps by visiting myamericorps.gov to login or create a myAmeriCorps account and search listings for “Baltimore Orchard Project.”

Applications are due by midnight on Sunday, September 2, 2018. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis starting in August. The start date for this position is expected to be on or around September 18, 2018.