



Arkansas Energy Corps AmeriCorps Member Position



Service Position Title: Energy Corps Member

Service Location:

Ouachita Electric Cooperative c/o Clinton Foundation Climate Initiative
610 President Clinton Ave.
Little Rock, AR 72201

Site Supervisor/Title:

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Service Position Summary:

Ouachita Electric Cooperative seeks an Energy Corps member to engage with approximately 500 community members to initially educate them about energy efficiency which will result in approximately 400 of those community members perusing home energy efficiency retrofits that will immediately save them money on their utility bills, improve the comfort of their homes, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ninety-three percent of the nation's persistent poverty counties are in Rural Electric Cooperative service territories and there is a distinct correlation between poverty, substandard housing, and the disproportionate energy cost burden that low income households typically face. Utility-provided on-bill financing of energy efficient improvements can help fix the high bill and energy-wasting vicious cycle. The Energy Corps member's activities will be based out of the Clinton Climate Initiative - HEAL office in Little Rock, but the member may be deployed to other regions of the state as needed to serve in the communities where the participating electric cooperative is based. If this occurs, travel (reimbursement), lodging, and meals will be provided by the program.

Essential Functions of Position:

Energy Corps member activities will focus on program development and implementation through client and partner engagement, including:

- Participant outreach;
- Engaging with approximately 500 community members to initially educate them about energy efficiency, which will result in approximately 400 of those community members pursuing home energy efficiency retrofits (the program assumes an 80% conversion rate).
- Conducting several presentations, educational meetings, and in person opportunities each month to induct about 45 new participants into the program
- Facilitate the scheduling of their home assessment and results meetings;
- Conducting energy efficiency education presentations using Turning Point audience

- response software to track increased knowledge of presentation participants;
- Engaging with participants one-on-one during their individual home energy assessment results meetings (at Ouachita Electric Cooperative's office). These follow-up educational meetings provide the program-specified applicable efficiency recommendations, and pave the way for the next step of coordinating with the contractor within the retrofit completion network.
 - Facilitating an email or phone reintroduction of the client to the contractor, where the contractor will schedule and complete the client's energy efficiency retrofit;
 - Conducting program client satisfaction surveys to garner input from program participants which produce both quantitative and qualitative data to evaluate the program on an ongoing basis;
 - Through the Clinton Climate Initiative's HEAL Program, the Energy Corps Member will learn the program's best practices from all aspects of the program model, including:
 - the most important weatherization recommendations for Arkansas's climate and how those are implemented by retrofit contractors in the field;
 - financial language surrounding innovative financing models;
 - the homeowner-friendly and practical basic foundations of energy efficiency;
 - **Access to Vulnerable Populations:** The Arkansas Service Commission has determined that the probability of access to vulnerable populations is so great that all members will undergo all required criminal background checks: NSOPR, FBI, and Arkansas State Police, as well as other states, as necessary.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Required:

- A commitment to the concepts of national service, helping others and making a difference in a community
- Good communication skills (written and verbal) and public speaking
- Basic computer skills are necessary as well (i.e. email, word-processing, spreadsheets)
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision and self-motivated
- Ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds
- Understanding of community organization and development
- Ability to establish effective working relationships
- Must have a valid driver's license

Academic and Experience Qualifications:

- Must be over 18 with a high school diploma or GED

Commitment Required:

The eleven-month 1700 hour service term will begin October 1, 2014 and will end August 31, 2015.

Training:

- Education or background in environmental work is desired.
- Experience and knowledge of residential energy efficiency is a plus.
- No specific training or certifications are required

AmeriCorps Program Benefits:

All Energy Corps members will receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity to make a difference in a community
- Green job training and professional development
- Living allowance of \$12,100 over term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,645) upon successful completion of service
- Health insurance benefits and child care assistance if qualified

Application Process:

Applications will be accepted through September 7, 2014 or until a suitable candidate can be identified. Early applications are encouraged and applications will be considered as they are received. All persons interested in being considered for the position must complete an application in its entirety.

The application form may be accessed at <http://energycorps.org/positions.php#mso> or found at this website: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do> . Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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