

**ENERGY CORPS
AMERICORPS MEMBER POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Name and location of host site: Freedom Gardens – Frenchtown, MT

Title: Greenhouse Energy Educator

Number of positions: 1

Reports to: Energy Corps Program Director

Term of service: October 1, 2019 – August 28, 2020

Anticipated service schedule: 1700 hours over the course of service term. Roughly 40 hours per week. Occasional evening/weekend hours may be necessary.

Position Summary: The mission of Freedom Gardens is to enhance local food security by demonstrating sustainable food production methods and providing opportunities for hands-on learning. They strive to teach resilience to food scarcity through eco-conscious educational programs about growing, preserving, and storing food.

Freedom Gardens partnered with Frenchtown School District to construct a 3,000 square-foot aquaponic greenhouse at the elementary school. The greenhouse is used as a teaching site for cross-curricular lessons to students in K-5. High school students are able to complete a work study course throughout the year. The food produced in the greenhouse will be used in the cafeteria for school lunches. During the summer, the food will be available through CSA baskets and at a local farmers market. The greenhouse has not harvested a crop yet and is at the beginning of the tremendous benefit it will bring to the school and community. The Energy Corps member will have an opportunity to participate in the evolution of this project.

Specific Position Responsibilities:

- Support food production of the greenhouse
- Assist teachers with lessons about the greenhouse
- Planting, harvesting, and preparing for sale
- Managing the aquaponics system
- Collecting data
- Teacher training and helping guide lessons

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; a College Degree in Environmental Science, Education, or Natural Resources is strongly preferred
- This position will require standing for long periods of time
- Relevant work or volunteer experience with plants, fish, teaching, or combination of the three is preferred
- Comfortable public speaker and presenter, outgoing



- Willing to be flexible
- Member **will** have recurring access to vulnerable populations

Benefits: This Energy Corps position will receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity to make a difference in a community
- Green job training and professional development
- Living allowance of \$13,992 over term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$6,095 upon successful completion of service
- Health benefits and child care assistance if qualified

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will be accepted 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 create an AmeriCorps account and apply. You can create an account and explore AmeriCorps opportunities at: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>

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