



AmeriCorps Job Description for Full Circle Farm

What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative new partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of 46 AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new school and community gardens, low-cost farm stands, and by utilizing a farm-to-school model to increase the amount of fresh and local produce served in school lunches.

AmeriCorps Farm Crew (4 positions)

Member Duties, Requirements and Benefits

This position is ideal for a college student or recent graduate who would like to dedicate a cycle of seasons or summer learning about the practices and principles of sustainable agriculture. The position involves working alongside Full Circle Farm staff and volunteers in the field to produce mixed vegetables and fruit for a diverse set of marketing avenues—an on-site Farm Stand, CSA, the Santa Clara Unified School District and local restaurants.

Primary duties include soil/bed preparation, propagation, direct sowing and transplanting of crops, irrigation, weed control, integrated pest management, harvesting and other field related activities. The AmeriCorps staff will also assist with produce marketing and delivery, CSA coordination and Farmer's Market sales.

Some experience involving organic vegetable and fruit production strongly preferred. Applicants **MUST** be prepared for the demanding nature of farm work including: physical labor for prolonged periods of time, working in a variety of (hot/cold/wet) weather conditions and regular lifting of 50+ pounds.

2 Full Time Positions

Term:	1 year, October 2010 – September 2011
Work Schedule:	Full time (with regular weekend commitments)
Age Requirement:	18+ years of age
Language Requirement:	Bi-lingual English/Spanish a plus

Additional Qualifications: Ability to multi-task, detail-oriented

Program Benefits:

\$16,000 living allowance, distributed bi-weekly
\$5,350 post service education award
Access to farm produce
Health Insurance

2 Full Time Summer Positions

Term: 3 months, May 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010
Work Schedule: Full time (with regular weekend commitments)
Age Requirement: 18+ years of age
Language Requirement: Bi-lingual English/Spanish a plus
Additional Qualifications: Ability to multi-task, detail-oriented

Program Benefits:

\$4,000 living allowance, distributed bi-weekly
\$1,415 post service education award
Access to farm produce
Health Insurance

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