

Interested in Growing, Marketing or Selling Local Food? Food Roots is hiring two LINKS AmeriCorps Members

Position Titles:

Youth Garden LINKS Project Coordinator
Enterprise LINKS Project Coordinator

Time Frame: April 2010 to September 2010, 450 Hours Total

Application Deadline: March 15 or until filled

Location: 2105 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Position Summary:

Garden LINKS will focus on local food production with youth and community engagement at the Sacred Heart Food Bank Garden and the Junior High Hoop House Garden. Garden LINKS will be coordinating Food Roots gardens' production and processing the bounty for programs serving low-income families and for Food Roots' micro enterprise programs. May will be busy with garden coordination, volunteer recruitment and production. In June the Garden LINKS will be in charge of garden management as production ramps up. July and August will include a lot of work in the community with youth and volunteers, special events at the farmers' market and outreach. July and August will be the busiest times with planning and activities for fall garden production, along with the bulk of the harvest. The position requires critical thinking skills; ability to plan, organize and implement plans; being computer literate with Microsoft Office, work independently and as a team. Knowledge of gardening and vegetable production techniques, sustainable agriculture skills and experience working with youth community food programs is preferred.

Enterprise LINKS will focus on business planning, marketing plans, outreach and training for youth (and their families) in local food micro enterprise and coordinating the Tillamook Farmers Market Community Table. In May the Enterprise LINKS will be doing a lot of number crunching, setting up systems, preparing business and marketing plans and outreach for volunteer recruitment and development. June will launch the farmers' market season. July and August will include a lot of work in the community with youth and volunteers, at special events at the farmers' markets, and planning/preparing for youth micro enterprise activities when school resumes. The position requires critical thinking skills, ability to plan, organize and implement plans, being computer literate with Microsoft Office, good independent and team worker. Knowledge of small business enterprise, regional food system economies, production/processing, and youth programs strongly preferred.

Requirements: You must be aged 17 and up on the day service starts; A United States Citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident; have a high school diploma, GED equivalency, or commitment to earn a diploma or GED equivalency prior to using the Education Award; and have not previously served two AmeriCorps terms. These positions are in a rural community with limited public transportation; a vehicle or bicycle would be very helpful.

Member Benefits: Upon successful completion of a term of service, each eligible member will receive an education award of \$1,250. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used; additional benefits include loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service). AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to info@foodrootsnw.org

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#).

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking "Applications" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click "Search Listings" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu and search for program name LINKS.
4. *Select the position listing and click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.*

Questions about the project? Contact: Shelly Bowe, Program Manager, 503-842-3154x2, e-mail info@foodrootsnw.org, web site www.foodrootsnw.org

