



AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialist Positions January 2025 - August 14, 2025

Application Deadline: Open until filled

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Overview:

Join a team that is committed to collaborations rooted in food, land, and learning, so that people can grow and thrive in healthy, equitable, and sustainable neighborhoods. Rooted, a non-profit organization based in Madison, WI, is devoted to increasing equitable access to land, fresh food, and learning opportunities in Madison and throughout Wisconsin. Ours is a firm commitment to building racial equity and inclusion and dismantling racism in our communities, in our education and food systems, in the environmental movement, and within our organization. This is a path of lifelong learning and commitment to action.

General Statement of Duties and Responsibilities

Rooted is seeking applicants for an AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialist position with our Farm to School Program. This position and the service term run until August 14, 2025, with an average of approximately 20-25 hours per week. Members will be under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's state-wide Farm to School AmeriCorps program and will be under direct supervision of Rooted staff to continue and expand upon existing farm to school programming in Madison Metropolitan School District. For more information about Rooted's AmeriCorps program, please check out this [podcast episode](#) which features interviews with two of Rooted's AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialists.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

As Farm to School Specialists, AmeriCorps Members will plan and teach garden-based lessons that focus on curricular and social and emotional wellness goals. Members will help teachers and school nutrition professionals develop and implement nutrition programs that will educate children about the benefits of making healthy eating choices. Members will assist with creating and implementing healthy food curricula including school or community garden development, cooking in the classroom programs or field trips to farms, and work with schools to help implement wellness programs.

Additional specific duties for this position include:

- Leading an after school gardening club on Mondays and after school cooking club on Wednesdays at La Follette High School
- Leading garden and nutrition/ cooking classes at Schenk Elementary School
- Working at Rooted's youth garden sites, including Madison School Farm and Troy Kids' Garden, to support garden-based programming as needed in spring and 20-30 hours/ week June through August

Members will also serve as the main liaison between the schools and the community. They will educate food service directors about sourcing local, healthy foods for the school districts they serve and will create an action plan laying out the steps necessary to procure local food into their programs. They will also be responsible for recruiting and mobilizing volunteers to enhance and increase the capacity of the AC F2S program. This will include organizing a F2S Task Force within the school or community, recruiting farmers to present in the schools, organizing farm tours, and organizing snack preparation or food tastings.

Requirements:

- Age Minimum: 18 years
- Education Requirement: High School Graduate/GED
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills in a team setting
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Passion for inspiring healthful eating among youth and for promoting local, sustainable agriculture
- Working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet software and ability to efficiently navigate the internet
- Ability to work independently

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in education, nutrition, environmental science, or agriculture
- Experience working with youth in an educational setting
- Volunteer or paid experience with socially, economically and/or ethnically diverse populations
- Experience working with food service in schools, restaurants, or other institutions
- Experience working with farmers

- Ability to provide one's own transportation for work purposes
- Possession of a valid Driver's License
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Must be able to completely pass a National Criminal History Check conducted by DPI-Human Resources before serving vulnerable populations as outlined in 45 CFR §2510.20
- Skillful in establishing and maintaining professional work relationships
- Experience recruiting and managing volunteers

Compensation and Benefits:

Half-time member (675 hours)

- Living allowance = \$12,150
- Education award (upon successful completion) = \$2,817.14
- Professional development opportunities and training
- Student loan deferment

Application Procedure and Deadline:

Please submit:

- 1) the [2024-2025 DPI AmeriCorps application form](#)
- 2) a resume with three professional references (contact information is sufficient)
- 3) a letter of interest explaining why you feel farm to school programming is important for Wisconsin schools and how your past experiences prepare you for the position.

Submit the AmeriCorps application online. Send resume, references, and letter of interest to Erica Krug (erica@rootedwi.org) and Brontë Adamson (bronte@rootedwi.org) by email with the subject line: **Rooted AmeriCorps Application**. Positions are open until filled; please submit materials as soon as possible.

This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.