

Green Iowa AmeriCorps





25-26 Quad Cities Partnership Position Descriptions

Hosted by St. Ambrose University, River Action, Nahant Marsh Education Center, City of Davenport, and Scott County Conservation 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA 52803

This site is hiring to fill the following positions:

Positions #1 - 3: Environmental Education and Natural Resource Management

Terms:

Position Type	Service Length	Hour Commitment	Living Allowance	Segal Education Award
Three-quarte r-time (TQT)	11-mo	1,200 hours (28-30 hours/week)	\$18,000/term (\$1,636.36/mo)	\$5,176.50/term

Anticipated service schedule for this host site is flexible, but generally workday hours with occasional nights and weekends as projects require.

Host Site Overview: Host is St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA, but hours will be primarily in the community at partner sites. Members will complete weekly rotations, generally as a team, at each of River Action (a community advocacy and policy non-profit), Nahant Marsh (an environmental education facility), City of Davenport, and Scott County Conservation (overseeing multiple county parks and environmental education centers in the county).

GIA Performance Metrics Members work in collaboration with the host agency and community partners to complete the following metrics based on grants that support the AmeriCorps program. Please note: each metric denotes <u>program-wide</u> totals

- Educational Programming engaging participants in environmentally-focused lessons and activities [450 education events with 4500 individuals reached]
- **Community Outreach** engaging outside volunteers in service activities [380 outreach events with 2750 volunteers engaged]
- Additional Direct Service Activities
 - Water quality related projects [100 water quality related projects]
 - Tree planting [1500 trees planted]

Site Supervisor(s): Dennis Tarasi, Associate Professor and Chair of Biology, St. Ambrose University

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Minimum Member Qualifications:

- At minimum members must be high school graduates, GED recipients, or working on attaining a high school diploma or GED during their term of service
- Be 17 years or older (17-year-old applicants require parental consent)
- Pass a national service criminal history check
- Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident
- Have a valid driver's license

Positions #1-3: Environmental Educator and Natural Resource Manager

Position Outline: In collaboration with the community partners, members will engage in planning and delivery of environmental education events throughout the year, in addition to supporting natural resource management, via weed removal, tree planting, and litter cleanups. Each position will include regular engagement with each partner organization throughout the fall, to assess fit with that partner's goals and needs. In the winter and spring, each member may select several unique projects that most closely align with their skills.

Member Duties:

- Leadership in community event planning and logistical organization (Upper Mississippi River Conference, Bald Eagle Days, Floatzilla, Educational Workshops, Community Cleanups etc.)
- On-site support with educational program offerings by the many partner organizations throughout the year
- Invasive Species Management and Natural Plant Restoration
- Complete Green Iowa AmeriCorps performance metrics in collaboration with host site
- Maintain records of service projects in Green Iowa AmeriCorps Reporting Logs
- Submit Quarterly Reports of activities
- Maintain a detailed timekeeping record of service hours and activities
- Complete a Professional Development Project
- Participate in mandatory AmeriCorps Trainings (Orientation and Life After AmeriCorps Training) and National Days of Service (MLK Day and September 11)

The ideal candidate will possess the following skills:

Ability to regularly navigate grassy/forested terrain off-trail, work independently and carry 50 pounds. Availability on select weekends throughout the year.

Members can expect to gain the following skills/experiences in this position:

Education and Resource Management Training, Proper Equipment Training, Certifications relevant to policy initiatives, logistical support in event planning and project management

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