



AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Title: Resource Conservation Coordinator

Project Sponsor: Portland Public Schools <http://www.pps.k12.or.us>

NWSA Mission: This position is in partnership with the Northwest Service Academy (NWSA), an AmeriCorps program of ESD112. NWSA's mission is: To preserve and restore the natural environment, and to develop community leaders through service and community partnerships.
www.nwserviceacademy.org

Project Location: 501 N Dixon, Portland, OR. This is Portland Public Schools' administration building.

Position Summary: Promote conservation in the district to save resources through behavior change, thereby underscoring a conservation ethic in the school communities, reducing the environmental footprint of the district and saving money for the district. Support Oregon Green School certification (including conducting waste audits, doing classroom presentations about conservation esp. energy, supporting green teams); support and expand Recycling Coordinator network; co-produce Save It newsletter; keep web page current; support district-wide switch to permanentware trays; co-coordinate Fork It Over food donation program; possibly coordinate pilot project separating organics for composting.

Essential Functions (to include, but not limited to):

- Deliver conservation message via presentations to students, staff and parents and via web site and newsletter
- Support and encourage schools' efforts to "green" their practices and campuses
- Work collaboratively with other departments to support sustainable practices
- Keep accurate records
- Complete and submit all necessary NWSA/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Attend and complete all NWSA/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, training's, team meetings and national service days.
- Wear an NWSA uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Position Requirements:

- Personal vehicle required. Mileage reimbursed.
- Conduct waste audits and make classroom presentations about resource conservation, especially solid waste reduction and energy conservation.
- Help schools apply for and upgrade their Oregon Green School certification, provide data & feedback
- Co-coordinate Fork It Over (food donation program) with Nutrition Services
- Co-coordinate permanent ware tray and silverware project with Nutrition Services
- Work with Sustainability Coordinator on resource efficiency projects
- Co-coordinate Recycling Coordinator meetings (2 or 3)
- Co-produce Save It newsletter (2 or 3 issues) and update web pages regularly
- Promote other resource conservation efforts as appropriate including supporting green team efforts at the administration building
- Keep accurate and detailed records of activities and outcomes
- Perform general office duties related to the position including computer work using Word, Excel, database software and web page software
- Participate in regional networking and professional development opportunities
- 18 years of age or older, at beginning of service term.

- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through NWSA and/or Project Sponsor Agency.
- Regular and reliable attendance.
- Have not previously served two terms in an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members may serve up to three terms in a National Service Program, but only two terms may be within an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members are only eligible for an education award for their first two terms of service, regardless of the type of term (full or part-time) and regardless of the successful completion of that term.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Familiarity with Excel and Word required. Familiarity with databases and Red Dot (web page) preferred, not required.
- Some background in energy and resource conservation desirable, not required
- Some experience working with children desirable, not required
- Interest in working with various audiences in a large organization to promote sustainable practices.

Member Benefits Include:

- A taxable, monthly living allowance (before taxes, approximately \$1,072).
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members/leaders receive an education award of \$5,350. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans or for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
- Child care allowance for those who qualify.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.

Transportation Information:

- Personal vehicle required. Mileage reimbursed.
- Sponsor expects to be able to provide annual transit pass and parking pass.

Application Deadline: On-going until filled.

Interviews: No set schedule. Open until filled.

Service Dates: September 20, 2010 - August 12, 2011

NWSA Center: Lower Columbia Center

Type of Position: Individual Placement

Length of Term: 1700 hours (11-months)

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email the following items to the Project Sponsor for this position – Nancy Bond at nbond@pps.k12.or.us:

- **résumé**
- **cover letter**
- **contact information for three references**

The Project Sponsor will conduct all initial interviews and recommend a candidate for this position. All recommended candidates will also interview with Northwest Service Academy.

Step 2 - Complete your application to NWSA:

Application materials can either be completed online at the [AmeriCorps website](#) (preferred) and submitted to an NWSA position or downloaded from the NWSA website "[How to Apply](#)" page and submitted to Sherrie Jackson via email, mail or fax. A complete Member application includes the following:

- **AmeriCorps Application**

- **Two Written References** – These are included in the AmeriCorps online application or a form is available on our website.
- **Certification Form** - This document must be mailed or delivered to our office with an original signature (no fax).

Questions about the position? Contact: Nancy Bond nbond@pps.k12.or.us 503-916-2000 ext 74279

General questions about AmeriCorps, NWSA or our recruitment process? Contact:

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