

NISQUALLY LAND TRUST AMERICORPS POSITION – HABITAT STEWARDSHIP

This is a 10½-month position that will begin in September 2022.

It is offered through a partnership with the Washington Service Corps

AmeriCorps Program and the AmeriCorps member will receive a stipend through Washington Service Corps.



This position is contingent on funding.

Sponsoring Organization: Nisqually Land Trust. The Nisqually Land Trust is a local non-profit organization with seven staff members that protects and stewards more than 5,800 acres of important fish and wildlife habitat in the Nisqually River Watershed in South Puget Sound.

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: The Nisqually Land Trust acquires and manages critical lands to permanently benefit the water, wildlife, and people of the Nisqually River Watershed.

Location: Nisqually Land Trust office, which is located on the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge at 100 Brown Farm Road, Olympia WA; and Land Trust properties throughout the Nisqually River Watershed in Thurston, Pierce, and Lewis counties.

Position Description: As the Nisqually Land Trust Habitat Stewardship Member, the AmeriCorps member will engage South Puget Sound community members as volunteers in outreach, stewardship and habitat restoration activities that further the mission of the Land Trust.

Responsibilities: The AmeriCorps member will be responsible for:

- Recruiting, training, and supporting outreach, stewardship and restoration volunteers;
- Planning and hosting weekly volunteer work parties;
- Facilitating a robust volunteer site steward program, including organizing a yearly sites steward workshop;
- Compiling volunteer records, and;
- Participating in stewardship and restoration field work.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience recruiting and managing volunteers
- Enthusiastic about growing the Land Trust's volunteer capacity
- Outgoing personality with ability to engage with new people easily; communicate in a positive, professional manner; and work well in a team environment
- Excellent record-keeping, organizing and coordinating skills
- College degree with training or demonstrated background in natural sciences, natural resource management, environmental studies, environmental education, or related field
- Computer skills: Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
- Physically able to conduct demanding field work in a variety of weather conditions

 Must have a valid driver's license, reliable vehicle and auto insurance (NLT will provide mileage reimbursement)

Additional Desired Qualifications:

- Familiar with GPS and GIS software
- First aid and CPR certification

AmeriCorps Requirements/Responsibilities:

- 10 1/2-month term of service
- Member must serve a MINIMUM of 1,700 hours during the 10 ½ month term of service
- Complete and submit all necessary AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner
- Attend all required AmeriCorps training and orientation events; and achieve the core competency trainings
- Must have high school diploma, GED or commit to obtaining one during the term of service
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident
- Member may have part-time job or attend school provided it doesn't interfere with schedule set at site

AmeriCorps Member Benefits:

- A taxable stipend of \$2,066.86 monthly provided by Washington Service Corps
- Upon successful completion of a full term of service, eligible members receive an educational award of \$6,095 provided by the National Service Trust
- Student loan forbearance (on qualifying loans)
- Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included)
- Assistance with childcare costs
- Training and experience

To Apply:

- Before applying, make sure that you understand the basics of AmeriCorps service by reviewing Washington Service Corps' "Become a Member" page. https://washingtonservicecorps.org/become-a-member/
- Applications will be reviewed when received. Position open until filled.
- All applicants must complete the online AmeriCorps application process.
 https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=104217
- In addition, email a cover letter and resume (pdf format preferred) to <u>courtney@nisquallylandtrust.org</u> with "AmeriCorps – Habitat Stewardship Member" in the subject line. Address cover letter to Courtney Murphy.

Thank you for your interest in serving as an AmeriCorps member with the Nisqually Land Trust.