Impact Your Community & Gain Valuable Skills with the Commonwealth Corps Service Internship Program!

The mission of the Commonwealth Corps service internship program is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to strengthen communities, address critical needs, and increase volunteerism.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) is a private, nonprofit agency that oversees the program and supports the host site partner agencies and members. Commonwealth Corps members serve 10.5 months in a full- or half-time capacity at one of our host site partners in the focus areas of Economic Opportunity/Workforce Development, Education, Health and Nutrition, or Youth Development/Youth Violence Prevention. What all members have in common is a desire to put their talents and ideas to use in the service of their communities and the Commonwealth. Although members connect regularly as part of a statewide Corps, each host site has different roles and goals for its members.

Each host site partner manages its own member recruitment and selection. This process is ongoing and interested applicants should contact the appropriate agencies ASAP to apply. A general sense of the responsibilities, qualifications, and benefits is described below, but the specific roles and responsibilities for each position/agency are available here: www.mass-service.org/programs/cc/become-member

General Responsibilities:
- Complete a minimum of 1,500 (full-time) or 750 (half-time) hours of service from August 17, 2020 through June 26, 2021.
- Attend all required Commonwealth Corps trainings and service events held by MSA (minimum of 6 total, post-orientation) and your host site, including a new member orientation on August 17 & 18, 2020.
- Participate in a minimum of 1 hour (full-time) or 30 minutes (half-time) of MSA-approved professional development-related activities each week (in-person or virtually).
- Complete the host-site-specific responsibilities detailed in their individual position description.

General Qualifications:
- Massachusetts residency and legal authorization to work in the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- Experience with or interest in volunteerism and community engagement
- Ability to balance service commitment with other family/work/school commitments in a sustainable way
- Host site-specific qualifications detailed in their individual position description

Member Benefits:
- **Stipend** of $800 (full-time) or $400 (half-time) every other week while in service, up to $16,800 (full-time) or $8,400 (half-time), minus taxes and withholdings;
- **Health insurance** (full-time members only, no monthly premium/contribution, individual coverage only);
• **Member assistance program**, including unlimited, confidential, 24/7, phone counseling services and up to three free, in-person counseling sessions, plus a lot more;

• **Completion award** of up to $3,000 (full-time) or $1,500 (half-time) upon successful completion of service, minus taxes and withholdings;

• **Training and other professional development** opportunities, including outside training stipend up to $100;

• **Limited reimbursement for travel** to Corps-wide MSA-sponsored activities;

• **Limited travel reimbursement from their host site for certain service-related travel** away from their usual service location, according to that agency's policies;

• The opportunity for at least 10 (full-time) or 5 (half-time) days of planned absences (may include holidays);

• Opportunity to join with others with a common sense of purpose as part of the Commonwealth Corps service internship program; and

• Any other benefits specified by the host site.

*Please note that receipt of these stipends/benefits may impact an individual's eligibility for certain public benefits.*

**Term of Service:**

• **Position Start Date:** August 17, 2020

• **Position End Date:** June 26, 2021

• Service commitment will average 38-40 hours per week (full-time) or 18-20 hours per week (half-time), with details and schedules varying by site.

**To Apply:**

Specific positions and host site agencies will be announced in early April. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Commonwealth Corps member or would like to be alerted when the 2020-2021 positions become available, please register your general interest here.

**Questions:**

Contact CC Program Associate Julianne DeFilippis at jdefilippis@mass-service.org

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Accepted members will be required to undergo a criminal history check.

*Host site partners will recruit and select persons in all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive climate without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, color, political affiliation, creed, national origin, marital status, or any other status as protected by federal, state, and local laws. Host site partners welcome applications from individuals with disabilities and will make reasonable accommodations for interviews and service upon request.*