



### **AmeriCorps Position: Education and Community Engagement Associate**

Skagit Land Trust (SLT) is seeking an AmeriCorps Member to assist with our Outreach and Youth Programs, which serve our community by engaging the public in the protection of wildlife habitat, agricultural and forest lands, and other critical areas throughout Skagit County. The project goal is to build a diverse community consciousness of conservation and stewardship. We seek to engage with community members of all ages and backgrounds in hands-on activities and learning opportunities on important natural areas.

The AmeriCorps member will assist the Trust with community-based outreach and environmental education programs to develop knowledge and skills that help build conservation-minded citizens in Skagit County. The member will assist staff with increasing community awareness of SLT properties available to the public, and engaging youth and local educators to explore conservation areas across the county that have been preserved for generations to come. Skagit Land Trust is working to train teachers and youth educators how to teach from the land using SLT's Conservation Classrooms program. The AmeriCorps Member will increase our ability to reach more schools and teachers within Skagit County. SLT's AmeriCorps Member will assist with promotion and execution of events including social media postings, volunteer recruitment and coordination, and the Trust's Engaging Youth in Conservation Program.

Applicants should have an academic background in communications, environmental science, education, ecology, biology, or a related field. They should be organized, comfortable working with the public and youth, comfortable working outside in the elements, motivated, with outgoing communication skills, and able to work independently as well as in a team. This position is contingent on funding.

Pay: Monthly stipend of \$1,307 through AmeriCorps program

Duration: September 16, 2018 – July 31, 2019

Benefits: Health Insurance provided by AmeriCorps program. After completing 1700 hours of service an education award of \$5,920 is available from AmeriCorps

### **Requirements:**

- Must be at least 18 years old at time of enrollment
- Must reside in Washington State at time of enrollment
- Must be able to provide own transportation (mileage will be reimbursed)
- Must be willing to commit to 40 hours per week for the entire duration of the placement
- Interest and/or education related to ecology or environmental studies
- Interest and experience coordinating outdoor volunteer activities or training volunteers
- Skill with Microsoft Office programs such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Experience with graphics programs such as Adobe Photoshop is a plus.
- Excellent organizational skills and communication skills (both written and verbal)

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Assist with development and implementation of Conservation Classroom activities for K-12 students as well as coordinate field trips and service projects
- Plan and lead service-learning projects for local students
- Assist with recruitment and coordination of volunteers for Skagit Land Trust events and work parties
- Assist with the development of community and volunteer activities in local watersheds
- Create flyers, posters, and other media to support volunteer recruitment and educational programs
- Assist with presentations about Skagit Land Trust to local clubs and organizations
- Maintain website and social media for outreach, education, and volunteer opportunities
- Other tasks as directed by supervisor

**To Apply:**

**Resume with 3 references and Cover Letter must be received by June 25, 2018:**

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