

**AmeriCorps Position:  
Environmental Stewardship – Community Engagement AmeriCorps Member**

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Skagit Land Trust (SLT) seeks a Community Engagement AmeriCorps Member to increase community stewardship of conservation areas, particularly through the development of community and volunteer activities on Trust conservation areas and by assisting Trust staff in the creation of educational and outreach materials and programs and social media. Through educating the community of the importance of conservation and inviting volunteers to steward Trust lands this position expands Trust capacity to improve the condition of at-risk ecosystems and protect wildlife, agricultural and forest lands and other critical natural areas in Skagit County. SLT's volunteer recruitment and community engagement efforts will focus on the inclusion of the wide range of people who live and work in Skagit County.

The AmeriCorps Member will serve in tandem with the AmeriCorps Stewardship Member to increase community awareness of Trust volunteer opportunities and will regularly attend volunteer work parties. The Member will also support the Trust's Volunteer and Education Coordinator in the Engaging Youth in Conservation and Community Science programs. The member should expect to spend significant time serving out in the field.

Applicants should have an academic background in communications, environmental science or education, ecology, biology, or a related field or have non-academic experience relevant to these fields. They should have strong communication skills, be organized and self-motivated. They should be comfortable serving the general public and youth, comfortable serving outside in the elements, and able to serve independently as well as in a team. This position is contingent on funding.

Pay: Monthly stipend of \$1,945.24 through AmeriCorps program

Duration: September 1, 2021 – July 15, 2022

Benefits: Health Insurance provided by AmeriCorps program. After completing 1700 hours of service an education award of \$6195.00 is available from AmeriCorps. Other benefits through AmeriCorps include assistance with childcare costs and student loan forbearance. Washington Service Corps provides support to Members in other ways. See [here](#) for more information.

**Requirements:**

- Must be at least 18 years old at time of enrollment
- Must reside in Washington State at time of enrollment
- This position requires use of a reliable personal vehicle and proof of auto insurance. Mileage for service travel will be reimbursed at the standard IRS mileage rate.
- Must be willing to commit to 40 hours per week for the entire duration of the placement
- Excellent organizational skills and communication skills (both written and verbal)

- Comfortable learning and utilizing a wide variety of new software and technology. This position will utilize a variety of word processing, publications and graphics programs (such as the Office Suite and Adobe Suite), communication programs (such as MailChimp, Zoom and Facebook / Instagram), and mapping programs (such as ArcMap and Google Maps).
- The member will need to maintain accurate records and communicate clearly and professionally with staff, volunteers and members of the general public
- Must be comfortable serving in the outdoors in inclement weather
- The member will also regularly serve in the office and sit at a computer for up to 8 hours a day. They should be comfortable with using computers and utilizing common office software
- The member will regularly utilize hand tools (such as shovels, grub hoes, rakes, loppers, machetes, hammers, and other such similar tools) while at work parties

### **Responsibilities and Duties:**

#### **(all duties will follow WA State and SLT Covid-19 guidelines)**

- Assist with recruitment and coordination of volunteers for Skagit Land Trust events and work parties and maintain database of volunteer hours
- Attend work parties and assist in stewardship activities
- Document work parties and other events through video and photographs
- Assist in planning and volunteer coordination of SLT member events
- Write social media and website content emphasizing volunteer and educational opportunities
- Assist with the coordination of community science projects, youth volunteer projects, nature walks and other events
- Participate in internal and external committees aligned with position responsibilities.

The Community Engagement AmeriCorps Member will support the Outreach & Development Director and Volunteer and Education Programs Coordinator but will also enhance the activities of the Stewardship Department.

This service opportunity will provide the AmeriCorps Member with ample opportunity to develop skills necessary to achieve success in careers involving community engagement and stewardship. Exact duties may be tailored to the interests and abilities of the AmeriCorps Member.

### **To Apply:**

Apply through AmeriCorps website at

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=74733>