

Serve your community by hosting an AmeriCorps member



AmeriCorps, sometimes described as the “Domestic Peace Corps,” is a national service program. Members serve their time to combat an identified area of need in a community.

Weight of the Fox Valley is looking for organizations to host an AmeriCorps member. This member would serve part or full-time to create a culture and environment that supports a healthy lifestyle through education and other activities that promote active living and healthy eating.



Benefits of hosting a member

- Either a half-time (18.5 hrs./week) or full-time (34.5 hrs./week) member serves in your organization for a full calendar year
- Increased capacity to meet your organization’s internal goals and programs to create a culture and environment that supports healthy choices
- You recruit, interview, and select your own AmeriCorps member, who has a degree or background in health and wellness, community health, or related field
- No HR hassle! WOTFV administers the program, including background checks, payroll, and benefits
- WOTFV assists in providing your member with program and professional development training

Who might host a member?

- Health Departments
- Government agencies
- YMCAs
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Healthcare Clinics
- Early Care Programs
- Schools or universities
- Nonprofit organizations

Host Site Requirements

- Ensure member activities align/support AmeriCorps and WOTFV goals
- Cash match of either \$4,500 (half-time member) or \$9,000 (full-time member)
- Provide office space, computer and phone access, etc.
- Money for member travel costs as required by the host site
- Initial training to orient member at your organization



What might members do?*

- **Health Department:** School nutrition and physical activity initiatives, WIC education, breastfeeding friendly initiatives
- **YMCA:** Diabetes prevention classes, nutrition and physical activity lessons during afterschool programs
- **Early care center:** Farm to Early Care activities, wellness policies
- **School:** Coordinate Safe Routes to School program, nutrition education and physical activity lessons
- **Healthcare:** Health education to patients before/after appointments; create display materials for waiting/exam rooms
- **Nonprofit:** Worksite Wellness, health education to clients and volunteers, coordinating physical activity sessions and events, coordinating health focused community events

*Service activities will vary based on the organization's identified need.



2018 Process Timeline

April-May

June-August

September-October

Week of April 23rd: Host site RFP released	May 4th: Intent to Apply due	May 30th: Host site applications due	June 8th: Host sites selected & announced	Week of June 25th: Training for supervisors	June-August: Member recruitment, interview, and selection*	August 1st: First cash-match installment due	Sept. 1: Members begin their service
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*Host sites will recruit, interview, and select their members. WOTFV will assist with recruitment, and will conduct final interview on selected member to ensure understanding of AmeriCorps



Healthy people. Healthy communities.

Weight of the Fox Valley (WOTFV) envisions a community where healthy eating and active living are the norm, and all people have an opportunity to live healthy, achieve and maintain a healthy weight, and avoid a life of chronic disease. This will happen through collaboration and commitment from many diverse and influential partners and community members, working together to create a culture of health in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties of Wisconsin.

United Way Fox Cities and Oshkosh Area United Way together form the backbone of the WOTFV initiative.



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