



## REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (REC) AMERICORPS MASSACHUSETTS PROMISE FELLOW

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AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources young people need to be successful in life by creating, managing, and leading meaningful out-of-school time programs for youth in grades 6-12. Fellow projects focus on mentoring, social and emotional learning, college and career readiness, academic enrichment, and community service-learning.

**The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship** achieves this by placing AmeriCorps Fellows with schools, non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing: *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

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**SERVICE DESCRIPTION** The Garden Education Fellow will work directly and consistently with members of YouthGROW, an urban agriculture and youth employment program that serves 34 low-income teens ages 14 through high school graduation. The Fellow will be responsible for all academic engagement programming, particularly college access, for members of the YouthGROW program. The Fellow will also be responsible for supporting a network of 25 educational gardens in our school gardens network to ensure school gardens are integrated into the curriculum. The Fellow will assimilate these two projects by continuing and enhancing program elements that allow current YouthGROWers to support gardens at their schools, train youth to deliver in-class educational workshops on gardening, and create a sense of student ownership and expertise over gardens in Worcester.

**CITY**-Worcester, MA

### ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 12 month commitment
- Work directly with high school juniors and seniors in YouthGROW to provide college tours, application assistance, and connect them to resources around financial aid and scholarship
- Work regularly with all youth to complete community service requirements, support the agriculture production on our youth farms, and co-plan monthly workshops in collaboration with the program coordinator
- Serve as the primary point of contact between the faculty and staff at our school gardens and the REC
- Conduct site visits, provide technical support to the gardens, and offer educational programming through in-class activities and professional development focused on incorporating the gardens into curriculum
- Work closely with current YouthGROWers to develop mutually beneficial partnerships between the schools and YouthGROW program

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Interest in and commitment to national and community service

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- Experience working with youth
- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long-term goals
- Experience working with youth
- Cultural competency experience/training
- Project management experience
- Driver's license a plus, ability to travel independently throughout Worcester required
- Bi-lingual a plus (especially Spanish)
- 17 years of age or older
- High school diploma or GED equivalent
- Must be a US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien
- Must be willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, including screenings through the National Sex Offender Public Website, a name-based search of the statewide criminal history registry both in Massachusetts and your state of residence upon application to our program (if not Massachusetts), and a fingerprint based FBI check. \*Eligibility to participate in MPF is contingent on the results of this screening

#### FELLOW SCHEDULE

M-F, 9AM-5PM

SUPERVISOR NAME: CASEY BURNS, FOODJUSTICE@RECWORCESTER.ORG

#### BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of \$14,500/year ♦ Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies & discounted courses upon successfully completing the service year ♦ Loan forbearance and a \$5,815 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Apply ASAP!** Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfgeneralapp2017> to complete a general application **and send a letter of interest, resume and contact info for two references ASAP and before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to Grace Sliwoski at [youthgrow@recworcester.org](mailto:youthgrow@recworcester.org).

#### MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place during May and June of 2017 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **All position offers will be provisional until 2017-2018 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- More information about REC and YouthGROW can be found at [www.recworcester.org](http://www.recworcester.org)
- **Visit [www.masspromisefellows.org](http://www.masspromisefellows.org) for detailed program information**

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The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated equally without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for interviews and service for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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