



**AmeriCorps Farm to School Nutrition Educator Positions  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Application Deadline: 5pm July 13, 2018**

**Contact: Ross Cohen, [rossc@reapfoodgroup.org](mailto:rossc@reapfoodgroup.org), 608-310-7838**

**Overview:**

Join a team that is passionate about changing the local food system in Southern Wisconsin. REAP Food Group, a non-profit organization based in Madison, WI, believes that increasing the purchase of local food by schools, restaurants and institutions strengthens our regional economy, improves health outcomes of our residents and builds connections between rural and urban communities.

REAP Food Group is seeking candidates to fill four (4) 50% time AmeriCorps Nutrition Educator positions with the Farm to School Program. Each position is a one-year appointment with a 900-hour commitment (an average of 20 hours/week). The position will begin August 15, 2018 and end August 14, 2019. Members will be under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's state-wide Farm to School AmeriCorps program and will be under direct supervision of REAP staff to continue and expand upon existing farm to school programming in Madison Metropolitan School District.

REAP AmeriCorps members will be based out of REAP Food Group's office in downtown Madison, Wisconsin and will report directly to the REAP Farm to School Education Coordinator. Work hours will fall primarily between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday through Friday. It is imperative that members have availability during these hours on at least 3 days per week. Occasional weekend and evening hours may be required.

REAP AmeriCorps members will work with elementary, middle-, and high-school students; as well as teachers, farmers, food service personnel, parents, and a wide range of community partners on REAP Farm to School Program implementation within the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD).

AmeriCorps Educators will develop and implement farm to school and nutrition lessons to educate children about the benefits of making healthy eating choices. Educators also introduce fresh local foods through tastings, chef in the classroom programs, and other in-class activities. They will connect farmers to the classroom through in-class programming and work closely with teachers, school staff, and REAP staff to arrange and develop lessons.

REAP AmeriCorps members are part of a larger network of WI Farm to School AmeriCorps members who implement farm to school programs at sites around Wisconsin.

**Specific Duties:**

- Prepare and teach farm to school and nutrition lessons to elementary students in Madison schools
- Help promote local foods and farms through lunchroom activities and communications to school staff and families
- Assist with preparation and processing of fruits and vegetables for REAP Farm to School Snack Program
- Assist with cooking classes and REAP's Chef in the Classroom Program in Madison middle- and high-schools
- Provide feedback on lesson plans and develop lesson materials
- Develop materials and assist at community and school events and assemblies

**Required qualifications:**

- Passion for inspiring healthful eating among youth and for promoting local, sustainable agriculture
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced, flexible work setting
- Ability to provide one's own transportation for work purposes
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills in a team setting
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet software and the internet
- Possession of a valid Wisconsin Driver's License
- Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien

**Desired qualifications:**

- Experience in education, nutrition, environmental science, local food systems, or agriculture
- Experience working with youth in an educational setting
- Volunteer or paid experience with socially, economically and/or ethnically diverse populations
- Experience working with food service in schools, restaurants, or other institutions
- Experience working with farmers
- Skillful in establishing and maintaining professional work relationships
- Knowledge of graphic design software and/or video editing
- Spanish proficiency

**Compensation:**

AmeriCorps members will receive a bi-weekly living allowance (\$7,000 annual total), student loan deferment while serving, and an education award of \$2,960 upon successful completion of

service in addition to attendance to a professional conference and ongoing professional development opportunities and training.

**Application Procedure and Deadline:**

Please submit; 1) the attached 2018-19 DPI AmeriCorps application form, 2) a resume with three professional references (contact information is sufficient), and 3) a letter of interest explaining why you feel farm to school programming is important for Wisconsin schools and how your past experiences prepare you for the position, by 5pm on Friday, July 13, 2018 to Ross Cohen by email or mail: If sending electronically, please use the subject line: "REAP AmeriCorps Application."

Link to AC application:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/ameri-corps-member-application.pdf>

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To Read More About the Farm to School Program in Wisconsin:

<http://www.farmentoschool.org/our-network/Wisconsin>  
<http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/farm-to-school>

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