

	<p>Wisconsin AmeriCorps Farm to School Positions</p> <p>TWO Part-time Positions</p> <p><i>August 15, 2019 – August 14, 2020</i></p> <p><i>Farm to School Specialist</i></p> <p>in Greater Jefferson County, WI</p> <p>Fort HealthCare 611 Sherman Avenue East Fort Atkinson, WI 53538</p> 	
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Application Deadline: 5 pm July 15, 2019

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Overview:

Fort HealthCare (FHC) is an integrated hospital and health system that attracts patients throughout southeastern Wisconsin. For over 75 years, FHC has worked hard to provide exceptional healthcare to the people of Jefferson County and the surrounding communities. FHC recognizes that the future of healthcare is changing and that good health is all about prevention. Since 2010, FHC’s Mission and Vision has been centered on the goal of creating the healthiest community in Wisconsin. FHC believes that partnerships are the foundation for community success, and since 2012 FHC has successfully supported seven active Health Community Coalitions throughout the Greater Jefferson County area.



Each of the Healthy Community Coalitions currently support at least one school garden in the greater Jefferson County area. Eat Here Eat Well’s mission is to connect local schools and farms to improve student learning, health and the economy for the people in Jefferson County. The main goals of the AmeriCorps Farm to School members will be to support the coalitions’ efforts to build and/or maintain the school gardens, work closely with school administrators, foodservice supervisors and teachers to incorporate local foods into the school meal programs, and to implement more nutrition and environmental education for children 4K – 8th grade.

FHC is seeking candidates to fill two (2) 50% time AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialist positions. Members will work collaboratively throughout the year to ensure goals are met and progress continues for statewide farm to school efforts. Each position is a one-year appointment with a 900-hour commitment (an average of 20 hours/week). The position will begin August 15, 2019 and end August 14, 2020. 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 staff within the Community Health & Wellness Department at FHC.

FHC AmeriCorps members will be based out of offices at Fort Memorial Hospital 611 E Sherman Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 and will report directly to the Community Health Program Coordinator. Work hours will fall primarily between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Occasional weekend and evening hours may be required. FHC’s school districts of focus for farm to school programming within the greater Jefferson County area include Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills and Whitewater.

FHC AmeriCorps members will work with students from preschool through middle school; as well as teachers, farmers, food service personnel, parents and a wide range of community partners within each Healthy Community Coalition. Members are also a part of a larger network of WI Farm to School AmeriCorps members who implement farm to school programs at sites around Wisconsin.

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AmeriCorps Farm to School Specialist Position Details

Farm to School Specialist Members will serve as the main liaison between the schools and the community. Their goal is to build up the capacity of their local community to support farm to school programming.

Member Duties

- Develop and implement nutrition education programs for 4k-12th grade students
- Assist with creating and implementing farm to school programming to improve school food environments through...
 - Local procurement education and action plans
 - School gardens and associated curriculum
 - Menuing local foods in school meal programs
 - Local food taste tests
 - Farmer visits or field trips
- Recruit and mobilize community volunteers to increase the program's capacity
- Coordinate and facilitate a farm to school task force/coalition/committee to promote program sustainability
- Plan or participate in several community events to promote farm to school programming

Additional Member Duties

- Collaborate with other Members to create a statewide network
- Administer various program surveys
- Collect data and track program performance
- Attend training to support their roles
- Submit timesheets on a biweekly basis
- Participate in at least one National Service Day

Requirements:

- Age Minimum: 18 years
- Education Requirement: High School Graduate/GED
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills in a team setting
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Passion for inspiring healthful eating among youth and for promoting local, sustainable agriculture
- Working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet software and ability to efficiently navigate the internet
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to provide one's own transportation for work purposes
- Possession of a valid Wisconsin Driver's License
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Must be able to completely pass a National Criminal History Check conducted by DPI-Human Resources before serving vulnerable populations as outlined in 45 CFR §2510.20

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in education, nutrition, environmental science, 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

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- Experience working with farmers
- Skillful in establishing and maintaining professional work relationships
- Experience recruiting and managing volunteers

Compensation: AmeriCorps members will receive a bi-weekly living allowance (\$7,400.00 annual total), student loan deferment while serving, professional development opportunities, and an Education Award (\$3047.50) at the end of the service term. Reimbursement will be provided for some travel to participating communities and training. Members will report to the site supervisor at Fort HealthCare & AmeriCorps Farm to School Program Manager.

Application Procedure and Deadline: All interested applicants must submit the [ONLINE AmeriCorps Member Application](#), a resume, two professional references, and a letter of interest including a statement explaining why you think Farm to School is important for Wisconsin schools.

This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or in most instances, religion. It is also unlawful to retaliate against any person who, or organization that, files a complaint about such discrimination. In addition to filing a complaint with local and state agencies that are responsible for resolving discrimination complaints, you may bring a complaint to the attention of the Corporation for National and Community Service. If you believe that you or others have been discriminated against, or if you want more information, contact:

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