



Community Supported Agriculture Coordinator

A food system encompasses the path food travels from farm to fork. It includes growing, harvesting, processing, distributing, marketing and disposing of food. Improve social justice in Rustbelt Appalachia by joining Grow Ohio Valley's efforts to cultivate local food systems. Grow Ohio Valley (GOV) is seeking an **AmeriCorps member** to serve as coordinator of their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in Wheeling, West Virginia. This role will include management of a 100 member organic CSA , with duties including:

- Coordinate food hub logistics and aggregation from other farmers
- Plan and operate a 15-week summer CSA to improve food access, as well as a shorter winter CSA
- Work at CSA pick-up stands and distributing weekly food baskets
- Develop and distribute newsletter materials
- Outreach to community members to join the program, especially low-income individuals
- Learn detailed information about the farms and products for CSA distribution
- Integration and customer education
- Implement Food Safety Modernization Standards for customer sales

This is a unique opportunity that offers successful candidates exposure to all aspects of CSA operations over the course of a complete season. This is a seven month position starting May 1, 2017, ending December 31, 2017, and requiring 35 hours/week minimum.

Candidates should have demonstrated interests in social justice, urban agriculture, education, and/or food systems work, with a desire to reduce poverty, a passion for service, and readiness to work with their hands. AmeriCorps members will be expected to attend organization and state trainings, participate in other service activities, and assist with other aspects of the GOV programs as necessary. Other active sites include an urban orchard, greenhouses, an urban farm, a mobile market, and cooking/gardening education programs

Compensation and Benefits

- A modest living allowance
- An educational award



- Seasonal food contributions
- Low cost housing available

TO APPLY: Send a cover letter expressing your interest and why you are a good fit for the position and salary, as well as your understanding of AmeriCorps and National Service, and the role of local food in a community. Include your resume and least two professional references. Applications will be accepted until Thanksgiving, or until the position is filled, whichever comes first.

Candidate Qualifications

GOV is seeking an exceptional candidate who can play a strong role expanding our mission to improve food justice and create robust local food systems, while we build sustainable cash flows. While no requirement is hard and fast, ideal candidates would embody the following qualities, experience and background.

Essential Skills

- Be familiar with operation of farm tools and other equipment
- Speak publicly to lead group discussions, training, and programs
- Write and speak competently and professionally
- Use a computer, including the Windows suite of programs, email, and social media
- Comfortably operate a large motor vehicle and possess a valid driver's license
- Lift fifty pounds

Preferred Educational Background/Experience

- Agricultural labor experience
- Sales or customer service
- Agronomy
- Soil sciences
- Logistics Management