

AmeriCorps Project Conserve

Now accepting applications for 2010 – 2011 positions!

Application Deadline: May 26, 2010

Project Conserve seeks dedicated individuals to fill 30 full-time positions serving critical conservation needs of western North Carolina. The program places members in service with one of 18 organizations working to protect the unique natural resources of the southern Blue Ridge Mountain region. Each member will serve 1700 hours during an 11 month term, from September 2010 through July 2011.

During their terms of service, members will promote conservation through education, volunteerism and direct service. Project Conserve members serve in many facets of conservation, including:

Identifying critical lands for protection	Storm water management
Promoting forest management	Energy conservation
Conducting land-based stewardship activities	Volunteer coordination
Water quality monitoring	Community education.

In addition to serving on individual projects outlined by partnering sites, members participate in training and service days with the full Project Conserve team. Trainings may cover a broad range of topics including conflict resolution, forest management, trail construction, invasive plant identification, and disaster preparedness.

AmeriCorps is a federally-supported program of the Corporation for National & Community Service that helps communities across the country meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. Administered by the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Project Conserve is supported through grants from the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service and from the Corporation for National & Community Service.

Position Requirements / Essential Functions

To be eligible for Project Conserve positions, applicants must:

- Have a college degree (see service position descriptions for exceptions)
- Be 18 years or older
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal alien
- Be available between September 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011 and commit to full-time service
- Have reliable transportation
- Be able to perform physical labor (see service position descriptions for specific requirements)
- Possess demonstrated ability to work well as part of a team
- Show commitment to community service and/or conservation service
- Meet additional requirements specified by each host site in the service position descriptions

Compensation

Members earn a living stipend of \$11,800 over the 11-month term of service (Please be aware that the living stipend is taxed, when you are considering your ability to budget living expenses effectively.) Upon successful completion of the program, each member will also receive an education award of \$5,350. This award can be used to pay off existing school loans or to apply to future education. Other benefits include health insurance and childcare assistance (if needed).

To Apply:

1. Download the application
2. Mail a hard copy of all application materials **directly to each host site** that has posted a position for which you are applying (host site addresses are in individual service descriptions and on the last page of the application).
3. E-mail the Project Conserve Program Director at projectconserve@carolinamountain.org an electronic copy of your application form (including short answers) and resume.
4. Send one official college transcript (or arrange for your college to send one official transcript) to the Project Conserve Program Director at – Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, 847 Case St, Hendersonville, NC 28792
5. Keep a full copy of your application for your records.

Please note: You may apply for any number of available positions, but please rank the positions in the application.

May 26, 2010: Application deadline!
May 27 – June 16, 2010: Interviews will be scheduled.
June 17 – June 30, 2010: Position offers are made.

The policy and intent of CMLC and AmeriCorps Project Conserve is to provide equal employment opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability, sex or age, or other status protected by law. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. AmeriCorps Project Conserve will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with known mental / physical disabilities. Application materials are available in large-print format upon request.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact:

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AmeriCorps Project Conserve Mission

The mission of AmeriCorps Project Conserve is to serve western North Carolina by building stronger, more educated and involved communities that understand the threats to their local environment, are equipped with the tools and resources to take direct conservation action, and have significant opportunities to engage in conservation activities through volunteering. Through the efforts of these dedicated communities and the direct service of AmeriCorps Project Conserve members, we hope to ultimately increase the amount of land and habitat conserved, protect and enhance water quality, and support energy conservation throughout the region.