

# Great Plains Nature Center-AmeriCorps Service Member

## Position Description

The Great Plains Nature Center (GPNC), in cooperation with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, has an opening for a full-time AmeriCorps service member through the Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team (KOAAT) program. AmeriCorps is a national service program which allows team members to gain service experience and knowledge through hands-on participation in a variety of projects. AmeriCorps members contribute to critical community needs by providing assistance to millions of Americans.

We are looking for a team-oriented individual who works well with the public and has a passion for nature education. Help us serve Wichita and surrounding communities through environmental stewardship, educational programming, and responding to natural disasters.

## Service Member Duties

- Present interpretive and educational nature programs for diverse audiences.
- Collaborate with peers to develop, improve, lead, and/or assist with special nature-related workshops, clinics, classes, and special events.
- Lead outdoor skill (fishing and archery) classes and clinics.
- Coordinate AmeriCorps led events for the nature center to benefit the community.
- Serve weekends and occasional nights for nature center related functions, including special events.
- Assist with disaster relief and response as needed.
- Assist with invasive species removal and restoration efforts in Kansas habitats.
- Strive to cultivate and preserve a culture of mutual respect, individual initiative, inclusion, and diversity.
- Collaborate with team to maintain live animals, building, and offices.
- Perform other related duties as required.

## Member Requirements

- Must be 17 years of age or older
- Must have or be currently studying to earn a High School Diploma/GED
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a Legal Resident
- Pass a background check
- Possess a strong desire for service
- Must commit to serving a full-time term of 1700 hours in 46 weeks

## Member Benefits

- \$739.13 Bi-weekly Living Stipend
- \$6,495 Education Award upon service completion
- Training/Development of Skills
- Can qualify for health care coverage and childcare subsidies

## How to Apply

All questions can go to Emily Davis, Director of Educational Programs.

**Deadline:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Start Date:** September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Interested applicants should mail or email a completed **AmeriCorps Enrollment Form**, **resume**, and **cover letter** to:

Emily Davis

[emily.d.davis@ks.gov](mailto:emily.d.davis@ks.gov)

OR Great Plains Nature Center

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Wichita, KS 67220



# National Service Trust Enrollment Form



## AmeriCorps

Completion of this form is required to enroll a serving member in the National Service Trust, making the member eligible for an education award upon successful completion of his or her term of service. It also provides the Corporation for National and Community Service with basic demographic data.

### **PART 1** **Member: Please Complete and Sign**

1. **Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

2. **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **3. Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

4. **Citizenship Status**  I am a U.S. Citizen or National \*  I am a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States \*\*

\*Citizens of the US include persons born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Nationals of the US include persons born in America Samoa, including Swains Island.

\*\*Generally, you are a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the US if you are a US permanent resident with (i) a Permanent Resident Card, INS Form I-551; (ii) an Alien Registration Receipt Card, INS Form I-551, (iii) a passport indicating that the INS has approved it as temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence; or (iv) an I-94 indicating that the INS has approved it as temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence. NOTE: A student visa does not confer eligibility to enroll in an AmeriCorps program.

5. **School Status**  I have received a high school diploma or its equivalent  
 I agree to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent before using my educational award, and I did not drop out of elementary school or secondary school to enroll in the program.

6. **Current Address** (All information will be sent to you at this address until you notify the Corporation of a change of address.)

Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Permanent Address** (Name and address of person through whom you can always be reached once you leave the program.)

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you previously enrolled in an AmeriCorps, Silver Scholar, or Serve America Fellow Program? No  Yes  How many times?

9. Have you ever been released 'for cause' by any AmeriCorps, Silver Scholar, or Serve America Fellow program? No  Yes .

10. **Education Award Limitations. I understand** that I may not receive more than the aggregate value of two full-time education awards and that upon successful completion of the term of service, I will receive only that portion of the education award for which I am eligible, which may be all or a part of an education award, or no education award, pursuant to 45 CFR § 2526.55

### **PART 2** **Member Enrollment Certification**

**By signing this enrollment form I agree**, if asked, to provide documentation to verify the accuracy of the information I have provided in this form. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by one or more of the following: a fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18, U.S.C., exclusion from participation in federal programs, and forfeiture of benefits I may receive as a result of my enrollment or other actions authorized by the Civil Fraud Remedies Act, 31 USC 3801-3812.

**Member's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 3****Member: Please Answer the Following Questions**

1. **What is your gender?**  
 Female  Male
2. **Are you registered to vote?**  
 Yes  
 No  
 Not sure  
 Not eligible  
 Prefer not to respond
3. **Which of the following categories best describes your racial (mark one or more) or ethnic origins (mark one)**  
**A. Race**  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 Black or African American  
 White  
 Asian  
 Other  
**B. Ethnicity**  
 Hispanic or Latina/o  
 Not Hispanic or Latina/o
4. **What is the highest level of education you have completed?**  
 Less than high school completed  
 GED  
 High school graduate  
 Technical school/apprenticeship/vocational  
 Some college  
 Associates degree (AA)  
 College graduate  
 Some graduate school  
 Graduate degree  
 Professional degree (medical, law)
5. **Are you a veteran of the United States Armed Forces?**  
 Yes  No
6. **What are the two most important reasons why you decided to join this program?**  
 To get an education award  
 To help other people/perform a community service  
 To be part of a national movement  
 To get a job/earn money  
 Friends have joined  
 To make friends  
 To learn about or work with different ethnic/cultural groups  
 Parents/teachers wanted me to join  
 To explore future job/education interests  
 To get involved in health issues  
 To get involved in education issues  
 To get involved in environment issues  
 To get involved in public safety issues  
 Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
7. **How did you hear about this program? (Mark all that apply.)**  
 Article  
 Advertisement in a newspaper/magazine  
 Guidance counselor/teacher  
 Parent/relative  
 Current or former AmeriCorps Member  
 Friend told me/friend applied  
 TV commercial  
 Radio commercial  
 The internet  
 AmeriCorps recruiter/representative  
 Received information in the mail  
 AmeriCorps program poster  
 Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
8. **Privacy Act Information Release**  
 Yes, I give the Corporation for National and Community Service permission to release my name, address, email and telephone number to the AmeriCorps Alumni Association.

**Public reporting burden** -- Estimated time to complete this form, including time for reviewing instructions and gathering and providing the information needed to complete the form, is 3 minutes for the Member section and 4 minutes for the Certifying Official section. Send comments regarding this burden or the content of this form to: Corporation for National and Community Service, National Service Trust, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525. The Corporation informs the potential persons who are to respond to this collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number on this page of the form (see 5CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(1))

**Privacy Statement** -- In compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the following information is provided: The collection of this information is authorized by the provisions of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, and the Serve America Act of 2009. The primary purpose of the information is to obtain from AmeriCorps program representatives their data to successfully enroll a member in a term of service and the education award program. The evaluative information will help the Corporation improve its programming and services to members. Information may also be provided to federal, state, and local agencies for law enforcement purposes. The information may be shared with other agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, through computer matching agreements for the purpose of verifying identity and citizenship status information provided by you in this document. Information will not otherwise be disclosed outside the Corporation without written permission. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the education award is taxable in the year it is used. Your Social Security Number (SSN) is solicited under the authority of the Internal revenue Code (28 U.S.C. 6011© and 6109) for use as a taxpayer identification number. Failure to disclose the SSN or any other information may result in a denial of your receiving an education award or it may delay the processing of your education award. In furtherance of the Corporation's efforts to ensure that the programs are inclusive of persons with disabilities, your Social Security Number may be released to the Social Security Administration to measure aggregate statistical data on the number of AmeriCorps members receiving disability-based benefits. If you do not wish your personal information to be included in this research, mark "prefer not to respond" under question 6.

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