

Late-start refill AFHA AmeriCorps positions are still available.

Depending on interest, availability and start date, we can offer the following options:

- Full time one year position, March start date. Term of service is one year from member start date.
- Half-term 6 month positions, start date March through June. Service is full time for half-year, or as negotiated before enrollment.

See www.appalachianforest.us/ameriCorps.htm for information about our program and application process.

Contact afha@appalachianforest.us for current information on openings and to send cover letter.

Available position options:

Monongahela National Forest, Community Development and Outreach - Marlinton, WV Supervisor,
Cynthia Sandeno

Do you want to make a difference in the rural communities of West Virginia? Do you have passion for outreach and education? This is your chance to make a difference! This position will focus heavily on organizing meetings to bring partners together to help develop a shared natural resource vision; actively seek out opportunities for the Forest Service to integrate more fully into the community, and work with schools concerning the mission, programs, and activities of the Forest Service. This exciting position will also center on volunteer engagement and outreach with the Botany and Ecology program at the Marlinton Ranger District. The ideal candidate would have strong communication skills, experience with managing projects and volunteers and the ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions for extended periods of time. Low-cost housing may be available.

If you enjoy developing partnerships, educating others about our public lands, and want the opportunity to learn about the flora of West Virginia, apply today!

Potomac Highland Regional Outdoor and Conservation Coordinator - Wardensville/Moorefield, WV
Supervisor, Tina Metzger

This position will work with other AmeriCorps members and a regional consortium in developing tourism and economic opportunity based on outdoor assets in the beautiful Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. The Regional Outdoor and Conservation Coordinator will work with other Potomac Highlands AmeriCorps members, the regional Consortium and Tourism Council, and local partners, to develop opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Potomac Highlands as it relates to outdoor recreation, conservation, and ecotourism opportunities. The outdoor and conservation component will work with current regional plans by specifically expanding the regional outlook for natural, cultural, and conservation tourism. Projects include facilitating and expanding the "Outdoor Challenge" and developing Ecotourism and Outdoor Trails networking. May include some trail development or clean-up activities.

Working together these AmeriCorps members help coordinate regional tourism development efforts across counties the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia (Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, Tucker, Grant, Pendleton, Randolph & Pocahontas counties), serving with Eastern WV Community and Technical College and its Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (IREED), while partnering with WVU Extension, Eastern programs, County CVBs, and other partners. While recognizing the uniqueness of each county, they work with volunteers to focus on tourism as a regional collaborative effort, identifying existing and potential assets, creating tourism opportunities, and marketing the "Potomac Highlands Region."

Member will have the opportunity to learn about the tourism industry, and how to develop and enhance tourism product experiences for visitors. Candidate should be well organized and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Must have own transportation for substantial regional travel; expect some weekend duties.

AFHA Hands On Team - Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Logan Smith

Team Members -- Hands-On Team (HOT) members work in a small team on a variety historic preservation community buildings and outdoor conservation projects doing primarily hands-on work. Tasks may include window repair, structural stabilization, reconstructing porches or other parts of structures, interior repair, painting, plaster repair, timber wall straightening and repair, site prep and cleanup, as well as archaeological excavation, site protection, trail building or landscape projects. Hands-on team members may also take on historic preservation planning, such as preparing reports on historic structures, needs assessments, or assisting building owners with reuse plans, or a heritage or interpretive project, depending on your interest and the tasks needed.

Experience or familiarity with historic preservation theory and principles is highly desirable for the one remaining position. Familiarity with construction and hand tools is required; members will receive training in specific skills. For HOT projects, members will often be working side by side with an experienced contractor or trainer such as HistoriCorps, and can learn on the job. All HOT members will do both construction and conservation tasks.

Members should be prepared for physically difficult and sometimes tedious work, as well as unpleasant or dirty working conditions (with appropriate safety equipment). You should be able to lift and carry up to 50 pounds, be able to wear a face mask, and climb a step ladder. Although there may be some office work, this team will continue hands-on work through the winter on interior projects. The team is based in Elkins, with periodic travel including several days at a time away for some projects. Applicants must be comfortable in a team, and understand and follow all safety precautions.

Beverly Heritage Center Outreach position - Beverly, WV

Supervisor, Christopher Taylor

Experience the full range of historic site operations at the Beverly Heritage Center. This museum and visitor center located 6 miles from Elkins in the small town of Beverly, the original county seat of Randolph County, combines four historic buildings, and interprets regional, local, and Civil War heritage. These members will serve in a small team with one staff member, 2 serving AmeriCorps members, and dedicated volunteers. Specific assignments for each position can be adjusted depending on member interest.

Museum activities will include collections management, exhibit improvements, visitor services, and special events with occasional living history and period dress opportunities. Projects can include Civil War battlefield preservation, historic preservation planning, and community engagement for economic vitality. Members will assist with volunteer management, capacity building, and will participate as active members of the organization.

Outreach member will serve closely with the promotion committee on event planning and implementation, including volunteer management for events, and taking significant responsibility for social media, e-newsletters, press releases and other promotion of events and the museum.

While a public history or museum studies background is helpful, skills in communication, marketing, interpretation, or community engagement could be equally important. Will have significant weekend service.

Next Term Openings

Positions for the 2019-2020 term will be posted in May, with recruitment starting then for positions that start September 2019.