



AMERICA'S WETLAND CONSERVATION CORPS
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GET PAID TO HELP RESTORE LOUISIANA'S WETLANDS!

America's WETLAND Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Member Position Description

Purpose:

An America's Wetland Conservation Corps (AWCC) AmeriCorps member will serve for 11 months in their local parishes to raise public awareness of the importance of wetlands to the state of Louisiana, and they will demonstrate ways all Louisiana residents can contribute to wetland restoration. Their activities will include, but is not limited to, organizing and participating in wetland restoration projects, developing and teaching wetland outreach education lessons, helping distribute and teach Youth Wetlands Week lessons, and recruiting community volunteers to participate in wetland activities.

What AWCC AmeriCorps Members Receive:

- \$16,000 (Full Time) or \$8000 (Half Time) yearly living allowance (distributed evenly over 11 months)
- \$4725 (Full Time) or \$2356 (Half Time) education award upon successful completion of the program
- Health Insurance Plan (for Full Time members)
- Child Care Reimbursement (for eligible Full Time members)
- Great experience in a field that interests you!

Expectations:

- Serve 1700 hours (Full Time) or 900 hours (Half Time) of service over 11 months
 - 35-40 hours per week (Full Time) or 20-25 hours per week (Half Time)
- Attend 4-5 mandatory trainings with other AWCC members in various locations across the state
- Minimal Travel

Eligibility:

- Be 18 years or older
- Be physically able to work outdoors and handle heavy work
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be an American citizen



- Pass a criminal background check
- Agree to serve either a Full Time or Half Time appointment for 11 months
- Have a valid driver's license (use of personal vehicle may be required)

Skills Needed:

- An interest in wetland biology and/or outreach education programs
 - Some wetland background is helpful but not required
 - The applicant must have the ability to grasp basic ecological principles and be able to explain them to others
- Enthusiastic – must have a desire to play a positive role within their community
- Self motivated
 - The applicant must be comfortable working without constant supervision. This includes (but is not limited to) being willing to organize community restoration events and exploring opportunities that increase his/her general knowledge of Louisiana's wetlands
- Be physically able and willing to handle heavy work outdoors as well as working in an office
- Good communication skills (both verbal and written)
- Organized

How to Apply or Get More Information:

- **Application packet will be available in December, 07 at www.lsuagcenter.com/AWCC, through your local LSU Ag Center Extension office, or through the AWCC AmeriCorps Program Manager at hcollis@agcenter.lsu.edu**
- **Program will run from February 15, 2008 – January 15, 2009**