



**Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to learn and teach Sustainability and Environmental Education?**

**Would you enjoy serving your community and furthering public knowledge of our natural resources?**

## **Become an AmeriCorps Community Enrichment Member!**

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*WisCorps, in collaboration with Serve Wisconsin, & Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, is seeking an **AmeriCorps Community Enrichment Member!***

### **AmeriCorps Members assist with:**

- *Resource development*
- *Developing materials to support outreach efforts of organizations*
- *Designing or improving the way an organization promotes programming*
- *Supporting the development of programming*



Our goal is to provide young environmental leaders with the opportunity to gain relevant professional experience that serve the environment and the community by supporting healthy urban and rural ecosystems.

Ability to serve approximately 40 hours per week from the beginning of September 2021 with anticipated service schedule weekdays from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Occasional nights and weekends are required for host site needs. No service on holidays. Vacation time, sick time and holidays are not counted towards the hours needed to complete the term. Start and end dates are flexible.

• Prefer bachelor's degree or be working towards a degree in any of the following areas: Biology, Environmental Science, Ecology, Geography, Animal Ecology, Forestry or any other related field.

### **Service Position Overview:**

#### **Community Improvement**

- Willingness to learn the impacts of climate change on the Driftless region and help educate others how to mitigate those impacts and build a resilient community.
- Support the development and implementation of the FSPA Laudato Si Action Plan (Climate Action Plan)
- Increase environmental awareness and promote sustainability through community outreach events, including La Crosse Earth Fair 2022.
- Design and implement at least one program on sustainable business practices (recycling, print management, food procurement, etc...) sharing what you've learned with members of the local community; may present to the FSPA community towards the end of service.
- Identify and develop virtual resources related to climate action in the Driftless region.
- Create multiple "kits" for projects related to the FSPA Laudato Si Action Plan; provide kit training and support documentation. Topics may include nature identification, gardening/microgreens, water impact and carbon footprint calculation kits.
- In the case of natural disasters AmeriCorps member may be recruited to assist the community.

#### **Programming**

- Research programs that foster achievement of the FSPA Laudato Si Action Plan and work to advance FSPA Laudato Si project goals.
- Assist FSPA land projects working in the garden, greenhouse, orchard, woodlands and prairies.
- Assist with garden preparation, planting, weeding, harvesting, field clean up, mulching, row covers and end of season maintenance.
- Assist with habitat management and restoration of native prairie, forest, oak savanna and natural waterways.
- Assist with invasive species identification, timber stand improvement, prairie and tree plantings, and water diversion strategies.
- Assist with designing, improving, and updating kiosks, signs, and brochures.
- Work with local schools and universities to create community focused water and soil monitoring program, building a more regenerative land system and working on a greenhouse gas inventory.

#### **Program Marketing**

- Help create or curate simple "how-to" videos, including but not limited to sustainable lifestyles, recycling, composting, natural landscape restoration, etc.
- Assist in the development of FSPA eco education programs including lesson planning, activity development and teaching and developing educational materials.
- Track progress and develop reports on specific sustainability and environmental measures.

### **Volunteer Recruitment**

- Develop partnerships with local and regional partner organizations to learn and implement best practices for environmental sustainability and climate resiliency.
- Create an outreach plan to connect with local and regional environmental and eco-justice organizations to promote FSPA land and EcoAction projects.
- Assist in recruitment, training, and management of FSPA land volunteers for stewardship and service projects including trail work, garden, orchard, greenhouse, woodland and prairie restorative projects. Volunteers are all ages.
- Keep detailed records of volunteer hours, program activity, and event attendance for continual program improvement.

***If you are interested in learning more, please go to: [www.wiscorps.org](http://www.wiscorps.org)***

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### **What is WisCorps?**

**Conservation. Education. Community.** The mission of WisCorps is to develop leadership, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic in young adults through the active stewardship of Wisconsin's communities and natural resources.

### **What is AmeriCorps?**

**AmeriCorps Members Get Things Done for America!** AmeriCorps is a voluntary civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors that engages adults in public service work with a goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community."

### **What is Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA)?**

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) is a community of Catholic Sisters committed to action that demonstrates how we are interconnected, people and planet. We work on building bridges of relationships that stretch us to be people of encounter who stand with all suffering in our Earth Community. Our Franciscan tradition and FSPA land ethic calls all to view Earth as sacred, entrusted to our care, and to focus spiritual energies and economic resources in the care of our common home. The integrity of Earth and environmental issues are important to all aspects of personal, congregational and corporate FSPA life.

**A Revolution of Goodness!** A community of vowed Franciscan women committed to being a loving presence through prayer, witness and service. We continue efforts to preserve and nurture God's creation, to increase social and global consciousness, to educate ourselves to political awareness, and to encourage action to effect change where necessary.

*Serve Wisconsin is the state commission for national and community service. Our mission is to promote service, provide training, and allocate resources to programs that enrich lives and communities through service and volunteerism. For more information about Serve Wisconsin or funded AmeriCorps programs, visit [www.servewisconsin.wi.gov](http://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov).*