



**AmeriCorps**



## **SWP Position 900 Hour Part Time**

### **2021-2022 Position Description**

The New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program (NJWAP) is an environmental stewardship-oriented AmeriCorps program designed to raise awareness about water concerns. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has hosted NJWAP since 2000, and while the Program has evolved over the last 21 years, its main goals have remained the same: promote watershed stewardship through education and direct community involvement and monitor the health of our waterways through conducting stream assessments. In 2021 we are excited to expand our reach into the area of Source Water Protection. Source water protection includes actions that are aimed at maintaining or improving the quality and quantity of the sources of drinking water and their contributing areas.

Members, also referred to as Source Water Protection or **SWP** Ambassadors, will engage in outreach and education campaigns that will lead to the protection of drinking water sources. These members will focus on increasing public knowledge and awareness of sources of drinking water, drinking water quality and water conservation.

Throughout the Program, Members grow professionally and interpersonally. Extensive training in highly sought-after skills in the environmental field is provided, including GIS, project management, and science communication. Members will exit their term of service better prepared to further their career in the environmental field. Interested applicants for the 2021-2022 program year should apply via the My AmeriCorps portal by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To Apply for one of the **3 Part Time 900 Hour** positions, indicate in your application interest statement that you are interested in serving as a **SWP (Source Water Protection) Ambassador**. Please note: Applications are evaluated as they are received. Enrollment contingent on the DEP receiving the grant award.

#### **Eligibility to Serve with the NJWAP:**

- Must have a bachelor's degree or higher
- Desire to serve your community
- A valid driver's license, dependable car for service assignment travel
- Must be a U.S Citizen or provide required documentation of permanent residence
- Must commit to a 900-hr. term (25-30 hrs. per week)

**Member Duties:**

Over the course of this 900-hour term of service (September 2021 – April 2022), Members will perform the following service tasks:

**Educational Presentations and Trainings (Subject to Change per grant year)**

- 30 presentations with a focus on protecting and conserving drinking water.

**Partnership Projects**

- Minimum of 3 Partnership Projects with a focus on water conservation and protection.
- 1 Host Agency Project mutually chosen to best suit the Member's interests and the Host Agency's needs

**Member Development/Community Outreach**

- Attend Environmental Commission Meetings or Green Team Meetings to promote drinking water protection, conservation, and education.
- Conduct 2 Career/Profession of Interest Interviews with professional of choice.

**Program Benefits:** Education award upon successful completion of service, Stipend. Living Stipend up to \$7,994.00 will be evenly distributed bi-weekly, over the 8-month term of service. Segal education award of up to \$3,172.50 upon completion of all 900 hrs.

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/segal-ameri-corps-education-award>

**Terms:** Permits working at another job during off hours, reliable car required for travel to and from service assignments, permits attendance at school during off hours, AmeriCorps apparel provided and required to be worn during service outreach events.

**Service Areas:** Community Outreach, Environment, Education.

**Skills:** Teamwork, Environment, General Skills, Computers/Technology, Community Organization, Leadership, Writing/Editing, Teaching/Tutoring, Public Speaking, Event Planning, Time Management.

**Special Note related to service during COVID-19 pandemic:**

Members who are applying for AmeriCorps positions during the 2021-2022 term should have an understanding that a programs design may be altered by the greater needs of the communities in which the program serves. Program staff strive to ensure that each AmeriCorps Member has a meaningful service experience in which Members will gain knowledge, and skill set that will prepare them for future education or career aspirations.

For more information regarding this position description or other program related information, please email Program Manager, [Amanda.Lotto@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Amanda.Lotto@dep.nj.gov) .