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Community Volunteer Ambassador - New England National Scenic Trail

Location: Springfield, MA

Program Details:

Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train a diverse group of emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to local communities.

Community Volunteer Ambassadors (CVAs) support Volunteer-in-Parks programs at National Park Service sites nationwide. This ranges from National Park, National Monuments, National Battlefields, National Historic Sites, National Recreation Areas, and more. The Community Volunteer Ambassador Program was developed to support NPS sites in connecting with their local communities through service and to provide young adults with a professional development opportunity within the National Park Service. CVAs provide capacity for NPS sites to establish community partnerships, develop new volunteer opportunities, and build volunteer program resources.

Site Information

The New England National Scenic Trail (NET) works with two primary trail organizations, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. Each trail club has a robust network of volunteers across their state. They manage the NET through trail maintenance, volunteerism, trail stewardship and community outreach events.

Position Summary

The New England National Scenic Trail (NET) is hiring a Community Volunteer Ambassador to help with community outreach, communications, planning, and building awareness of the trail.

Position Responsibilities:

- Working with local community groups
- Recruiting and working with volunteers
- Managing the NET Hike 50/100 Challenge
- Developing a hike series featuring historic & cultural sites
- Managing trail social media and e-newsletters
- Facilitating partnerships with area tribal/indigenous communities
- Developing website content
- Conducting tribal/indigenous research
- Evaluating trail campsite locations and overnight hiking itineraries
- Provide feedback on process improvement
- Developing new ideas for the trail
- Hiking the trail

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Experience in outdoor education and/or recreation
- Familiarity with social media marketing platforms
- Computer literate (Microsoft and google platforms, Mailchimp, Wordpress, Trello)

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- Outgoing and friendly
- Self driven, independent worker with a good work ethic
- Takes initiative, with good judgement
- Comfortable working remotely and as part of a distributed team
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in early April 2023
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- High School Diploma/GED
- Pass fingerprint-based FBI, state criminal, and a national sex offender checks.
- Be able to provide proof of a driver's license and complete a MVR check
 - Must be over 21 years old or have had license for at least 3 years to be insured in this position.

Preferred Qualifications

- Local applicants with tribal/indigenous ancestry
- Experience working with tribal/indigenous groups
- Experience fostering volunteerism and community partnerships
- Familiarity with hiking and recreational trails
- Completed or pursuing higher education degree in history, public history, marketing, communications, policy, recreation, conservation or environmental related fields

Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$500** (additional \$65/week, if housing is not provided)
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,495.00 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of the program
- Professional development funds
- Networking opportunities within the National Park Service and partnering organizations
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority
- Week-long in-person training at NPS site with travel/meal expenses covered.

Additional Information

- Flexible schedule, remote, hybrid, onsite work options at multiple locations.
- Work may include occasional evening meetings and weekend events.
- Position requires driver's license and car, government vehicle available to meet with groups along the 220- mile trail corridor.
- Position will be collaborating across trails in the National Trails System, with the US Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management as well as other NPS sites in New England.
- Applicant will work with leading land conservation and outdoor recreation organizations in the region (Appalachian Mountain Club and Connecticut Forest & Park Association), as well as exposure to many partner conservation organizations.
- Multiple opportunities for outdoor and experiential outings.

How to Apply

Please visit [Community Volunteer Ambassador \(cva.ams.org\)](https://cva.ams.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Monday, February 6th, 2023**, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, January 19th

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2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application>. Application form requires a resume, cover letter, professional references.

Please ensure your cover letter addresses how your experience aligns with the CVA program, your experience working with diverse populations, and position details for this park/position. You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites you are interested in.

Applications Deadline

Please submit your application by **Friday, December 9th** to ensure full consideration.

For Application Questions:

Please contact Geoff Elliot, Program Director at gelliot@conservationlegacy.org

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