PLEASE NOTE: All applications must be submitted through this link - https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application-2027

Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador – AmeriCorps

Conservation Legacy Program: Stewards Individual Placements

Site Location: Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

30 Gardner St., Patten, ME 04765

Terms of Service:

- **Start Date: 2/22/2027**
- **End Date: 2/4/2028**
- **AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hours (50 Weeks)**

Purpose:

Stewards Individual Placements (Stewards), a program of Conservation Legacy, provides individuals with AmeriCorps service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. Participants serve with federal agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits to provide institutional capacity, develop community relationships, and support ecosystem health. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (KAWW) was established in August 2016 to protect 87,500 acres of Maine's North Woods surrounding the East Branch Penobscot River, Wassataquoik Stream and Seboeis River. Located within the greater Penobscot homeland, this wild landscape invites discovery of its rivers, streams, woods, flora, fauna, geology, and the night skies that have attracted humans for millennia.

Dedicated volunteers played an important role in the years shortly after the monument was established and provided visitor services, trail maintenance, ski trail grooming and many other tasks. As the monument enters its second decade, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument seeks to offer continued opportunities for meaningful volunteer experiences.

Description of Duties:

The Community Volunteer Ambassador at Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument will support the growing volunteer program and enhance relationships with community organizations such as the Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters, Patten Lumbermen's Museum, Veterans Memorial Library in Patten, Millinocket Memorial Library and many more. This position will contribute to the development of a long-term volunteer program at Tekɑkɑpiməkˑ Contact Station and plan volunteer events for Woods and Waters Day and National Public Lands Day.

Responsibilities:

- Represent Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument at local community events and promote volunteerism
- Collaborate with community partners to increase volunteerism
- Enhance community relationships and partnerships with area schools
- Assist with the administration of a small volunteer program

Qualifications:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work well independently as well as part of a team
- Strong organizational skills
- Flexibility and willingness to experiment with new ideas
- Willingness to live and serve in a small, rural community
- United States citizen, United States national, or a lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants must be between ages of 18-30 years old, or up to 35 for veterans, based on Public Land Corps Act of 1993 authorizing this AmeriCorps opportunity.
- Has received a high school diploma or equivalency certificate; or has not dropped out of elementary or secondary school to enroll as an AmeriCorps participant, and agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award
- Agrees to provide information to establish eligibility and to complete a National Service Criminal History Check.

Preferred Qualifications

- Local residents from Katahdin region communities or from northern Maine
- Experience working with the general public or providing customer service
- Willingness to learn

Our Commitment:

Conservation Legacy is committed to the full consideration of all qualified individuals and will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to perform essential job functions. Physical requirements may include periodic overnight travel, non-traditional work hours, ability to move across varied terrain, use program-specific tools and a range of technology on an infrequent or frequent basis. Exerting up to 25 pounds of force occasionally to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. The ability to safely drive an organizational vehicle may also be required for some positions. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodation due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to Vanessa Morrison at vmorrison@conservationlegacy.org

Time Requirements:

- Typically, this position is expected to serve 40 hours per week, but exact service schedules may vary. A half hour lunch break will not be counted towards AmeriCorps service
- Member may be required to participate in national, state, or local service projects or events as part of their service term.

Orientation and Training:

- Member will receive an orientation that includes training on AmeriCorps prohibited and unallowable activities.
- Week-long, in-person training on NPS Volunteer Program Management and leadership schools.
- Year-long Continuum of Learning supporting participant professional development.
- $750.00 in Professional Development Funds for travel and training.

Additional Position and Community Information:

Schedule may include evenings and weekends, position is in a rural community and a driver's license and car are strongly recommended. Housing may be available in small

communities in or near Patten, ME.

Benefits:

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of $7,395.00
- Living Allowance of $700.00 per week.
- Additional Benefit of $200.00 per week (if housing is not provided)
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Loan forbearance if Eligible
- Interest Payments if Eligible
- 10 Federal Holidays, 10 Days Personal Leave, 10 Days Sick Leave

Evaluation and Reporting:

As an AmeriCorps member, performance will be evaluated on whether the member has completed the required number of hours, the member has satisfactorily completed assignments, and if the member has met other performance criteria that were clearly communicated at the beginning of the term of service.

Reporting requirements include, but are not limited to, bi-weekly timesheets and accomplishment tracking.

Program Contact Information:

Please contact James Gasaway at the contact information below with any questions.

Stewards Contact information: James Gasaway, jgasaway@conservationlegacy.org

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability status, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories, consistent with legal requirements. If you need assistance and/or reasonable accommodations due to a disability during the application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.