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Position Title: Community Volunteer Ambassador, Federal Hall National Memorial - AmeriCorps

**Conservation Legacy Program:** Stewards Individual Placements

Site Location: 26 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005

Application Timeline: Preference given to applicants that submit application by June 13, 2025

### **Terms of Service:**

Start Date: September 8, 2025End Date: August 7, 2026

AmeriCorps Slot Classification: 1700 Hour

# **Purpose:**

Stewards Individual Placements, a program of Conservation Legacy, 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 emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

The volunteer program at Federal Hall National Memorial is a part of a larger program within the administrative park group called Manhattan Sites, which is composed of nine national park sites across New York City. The volunteers at Federal Hall are responsible for representing the National Park Service through visitor interaction: volunteers help greet visitors, conduct public programs, and coordinate with park staff for special events. With the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, volunteers will be increasingly involved with bringing historical programming to life at Federal Hall.

The selected CVA will gain professional skills and make a difference at Federal Hall by serving as the primary contact for volunteer matters. The CVA will work with park staff and supervisors to further develop the volunteer program in order to accommodate the influx of programming and visitors that we anticipate with the 250th anniversary. While the CVA will be involved with front-line coordination and operations of volunteers, the selected candidate will also gain experience in park management, participating in planning meetings, lending expertise on volunteer program matters to park management, and helping to plan and execute park volunteer programs.

# **Description of Duties:**

- Maintain volunteer records and statistics
- Recruit volunteers for park operations and special events.
- With management, strategize the functions and daily duties of park volunteers according to site needs.
- Coordinate activities of volunteers onsite during special events.
- Work with supervisor to support and train volunteer coordinators across Manhattan Sites.

# **Qualifications:**

- Willingness to take on a leadership role.
- Ability to work with others.
- 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 veteran, 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 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:**

- Experience and willingness to engage with the public.
- Experience and willingness to publicly speak in front of public groups and coworkers.
- Effective communication skills through email and in person.

# **Physical Requirements:**

Conservation Legacy is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals and will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations to perform essential functions. Some positions may require periodic overnight travel, non-traditional 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. Ability to safely drive an organizational vehicle may also be required for some positions. If you need assistance and/or a reasonable accommodation due to a disability during application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.

### Time Requirements:

- This position is expected to serve 40 hours each week, but exact service schedules may vary.
- Lunch breaks 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 skills.
- Year-long continuum of learning supporting professional development
- \$1,200 in Professional Development Funds

# **Additional Position and Community Information**

- The work schedule for this position is Wednesday through Sunday.
- This position gives the CVA a chance to work with nine national park sites in New York City, and theopportunity to network across the National Park Service.
- The applicant will be highly involved with the 250th American Independence commemoration.

#### **Benefits:**

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$7,395.00
- Living Allowance of \$600 per week.
- Additional Benefit of \$150 per week, if housing is not provided
- Healthcare Coverage if Eligible
- Childcare Coverage if Eligible
- Student Loan forbearance if Eligible (administered by MyAmeriCorps, directly)
- Interest Payments if Eligible (administered through MyAmeriCorps, directly)
- \$1,200 in Professional Development Funds for training, networking, conferences, and/or travel
- 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.

# **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.

# **How to Apply**

Please visit <u>Community Volunteer Ambassador (cvainternships.org)</u> to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on <u>Monday, September 8, 2025</u> and run for 48 weeks until Friday, August 7, 2026.

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

**Application Timeline:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early June. Final deadline is **Friday**, **July 4**, **2025**.

# **For Application Questions:**

Please contact James Gasaway, Program Director at <a href="mailto:igasaway@conservationlegacy.org">igasaway@conservationlegacy.org</a>

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.