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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Shenandoah National Park

Location: Luray, VA

Position Details:

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 a diverse group of emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to communities.

The Community Volunteer Ambassador at Shenandoah National Park will work closely with the Volunteer and Youth Program Team and the Education Team to invite people to learn about conservation and climate change through stewardship. The CVA will assist with coordinating service projects, participate in outreach events, promote science education, coordinate youth group visits, participate in special events, lead groups in the field, and assist with administrative tasks.

Site Description

Shenandoah National Park is proud to host a robust volunteer program. We have many long-term position-based volunteers, dedicated organizations, and individuals eager to help for a day when asked. Volunteers provide valuable support in nearly every division and area of the Park. We often welcome youth as volunteers through their schools and organizations which serve youth. The team which supports volunteers spends a mix of time in the field leading projects on trails and other facilities and time in the office working on a computer.

Position Responsibilities:

- Lead volunteers in service projects outdoors
- Develop lesson plans to educate students and the public on climate change
- Advocate for safety and inclusion
- Foster a welcoming environment in which young people and adults can ask questions, participate, and explore
- Communicate ideas and give instructions to diverse groups
- Create engaging and original social media content for Shenandoah's pages
- Plan projects and collaborate with multiple stakeholders
- Expand use of an online database, volunteer.gov, to track volunteer activities
- Maintain an organized equipment cache

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Hike on uneven ground for up to five miles while carrying a 20-pound pack
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Provide friendly customer service
- Drive a government vehicle
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in March 2025 (date TBD)
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)



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- 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:

- Experience training or teaching people new skills
- Experience working with youth
- Science communication experience
- Field conservation experience

Additional Information:

- Typical Monday-Friday schedule though some weekend and evening work will be required
- Drivers license is required
- Shared park housing is available

Benefits:

- **\$600/week living stipend.**
- \$150/week in housing allowance, if housing is not provided.
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$7,395.00 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of the program
- \$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.

How to Apply

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

The CVA position will start on **Tuesday, January 21**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 19, 2025.

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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

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early November. Final deadline is **Sunday, December 8, 2024.**

For Application Questions:

Please contact James Gasaway, Program Director at jgasaway@conservationlegacy.org

Conservation Legacy is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to hiring a breadth of diverse professionals and encourage members of diverse groups to apply. All qualified applicants will receive

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consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, political affiliation, protected veteran status, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic information, 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 a reasonable accommodation due to a disability during application or recruiting process, please send a request to the hiring manager.