



## Community Volunteer Ambassador – Niobrara National Scenic River

Length:	Term of positions is 50 weeks; full-time 40 hrs/wk
Location:	Valentine, NE
Compensation:	\$500/week living allowance, additional \$65/week housing allowance, if housing is not provided.
Start Date:	September 11, 2023
Application Review:	Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with first review beginning on June 5th. Application deadline is Friday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Position Title	Community Volunteer Ambassador

### Position 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 communities.

Niobrara National Scenic River has had a small volunteer program that focuses mainly on our current programming opportunities and resource management. The CVA will build innovative volunteer programming, partnerships, and community outreach efforts, while working with state, local, and nonprofit organizations.

### Position Responsibilities:

- Create and plan community outreach events.
- Assist in planning volunteer service events.
- Help finalize and recruit for the River Ambassador Program.
- Help coordinate the Oral History Volunteers.
- Assist volunteer supervisors with volunteer recruitment as needed.

### CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Friendly
- Interest in gaining Canoeing and Kayaking experience.
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in early November 2023
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- High School Diploma/GED
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- 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.



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**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Public Speaking
- Effective Communication Skills
- Interest in Science and History
- Kayaking and Canoeing Skills

**Additional Information:**

During the summer months, the schedule would likely include weekends. During the fall/winter/spring months the schedule is most likely to be M-F depending on events and recruitment needs.

The park is located 2 1/2 hours from the nearest airport and in town public transit is limited, a driver's license and a car are required.

Housing is limited but we do have a room in a seasonal house that interns can rent and there are some affordable studio apartments in town as well.

Niobrara works closely with Missouri National Recreation River, which is located about 4 hours away so opportunities are available for collaboration.

**Benefits:**

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of **\$500/week** living allowance, additional **\$65/week** housing allowance, 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.

**How to Apply**

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

The CVA position will start on **Monday, September 11th, 2023**, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/sept-23-cva-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**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. First review will occur in early June. Final deadline is **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

**For Application Questions:**

Please contact Geoff Elliot, Program Director at [gelliot@conservationlegacy.org](mailto:gelliot@conservationlegacy.org)

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