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Community Volunteer Ambassador – Homestead National Historical Park

Location: Beatrice, Nebraska

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.

This Community Volunteer Ambassador position will work to nurture and expand relationships with potential organizations and volunteer partners within gateway communities. The position will work to strategically engage youth and connect them to various volunteer opportunities at Homestead National Historical Park. This position will also work to create meaningful opportunities to all members of Homestead National Historical Park's volunteer team.

Site Description

Homestead National Historical Park is dedicated to remembering the many legacies of the Homestead Act of 1862. The Act provided opportunities to women, laborers, immigrants, and formerly enslaved people. The Act also played a significant role in stripping Native American land, and efforts to undermine Native American culture. Homestead National Historical Park's volunteer team works to expand the voices included in the homesteading narrative. Homestead National Historical Park has a team of volunteers that work on site and a separate team of volunteers that work remotely to research and transcribe primary documents.

Position Responsibilities:

The CVA will:

- Focus on anchoring all volunteer opportunities to volunteer.gov
- Streamline process of documenting and organizing volunteer.gov opportunities.
- Prepare and scan materials for virtual transcription opportunities.
- Be given tasks related to engaging these identified organizations (serving historically marginalized communities). The CVA will be given time to research and explore new collaborations and strategies of engagement.
- Create new strategies to engage youth in volunteer opportunities at Homestead National Historical Park
- Assist the volunteer coordinator and other staff in planning volunteer opportunities for national stewardship days in addition to Park-specific events such as our annual prairie workday.

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- Strong work ethic
- Experience working with public organizations
- Strong verbal and written communicator
- Task oriented
- Friendly
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in late March/early April 2024 (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)
- High School Diploma/GED
- Pass fingerprint-based FBI, state criminal, and a national sex offender checks.



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- 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:

- Diploma from a 4-year institution of higher learning
- Experience working with public organizations
- Strong verbal and written communicator

Additional Information:

Homestead National Historical Park is 4-miles outside the town of Beatrice, NE. Public transportation is not available in the community, so applicants will need driver's license and a vehicle.

Benefits:

- **\$600/week living stipend.**
- \$150/week housing allowance.
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,895.00 (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 \(cvainternships.org\)](https://cvainternships.org) to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on **Monday, January 22nd, 2024**, and run for 48 weeks until Friday, December 20th, 2024. Applicants will need to apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/StewardsIPP/cva-member-application-winter-2024>. 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 November. Final deadline is **Sunday, December 10th, 2023**.

For Application Questions:

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

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