

## Green Iowa AmeriCorps





## 2024-2025 6-month AmeriCorps Positions Available

<u>Green Iowa AmeriCorps</u> operates through the <u>University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy and Environmental Education</u> (UNI CEEE) in Cedar Falls. The program is looking to recruit passionate and motivated individuals to serve with our program for a **6-month service experience** in one of our service locations throughout Iowa.

Green Iowa AmeriCorps members, in collaboration with our host sites, community partners, and engaged citizens, focus on a wide variety of environmentally focused activities including but not limited to:

- Conducting **environmental education** lessons and presentations to persons of all ages and abilities
- Engaging in and leading environmental **outreach and community engagement** projects
- Recruiting and engaging **volunteers** in service to the community
- Conducting **residential energy efficiency** services (primarily for vulnerable populations)
- Enhancing **commercial energy efficiency** projects for public buildings (LED upgrades, etc.)
- Developing Climate Action Plans & Greenhouse Gas Inventories for counties and organizations
- Developing **waste reduction** strategies (recycling and composting education and outreach)
- **Planting trees** and restoring tree canopies in vital communities
- Engaging in water quality services (sampling, testing, river clean-ups, etc.)
- Engaging in additional **conservation** projects (prairie burns, GIS, soil restoration, etc.)
- Enhancing one's own **Professional Development** through specific projects and trainings, tailored to their own areas of interest

Exact service projects vary by host site and more details are provided during the interview process. For more information about our host sites, please visit our website: <a href="www.greeniowaamericorps.org/locations">www.greeniowaamericorps.org/locations</a>

## Terms:

Position Type	Service Length	Hour Commitment	Living Stipend	Segal Education Award
Reduced-Half- Time (RHT)	6-mo	<b>675 hours</b> (27-30 hours/week)	<b>\$10,125/term</b> (\$1,556/mo)	\$2,817.14/term

- ➤ <u>Living Allowances</u> are distributed evenly in monthly installments by the University of Northern Iowa over the course of the service term and pro-rated for months where members are not serving the full month. *Please note this is considered taxable income* and the monthly installments will vary depending on how you fill out your tax information.
- ➤ <u>Segal Education Awards</u> are contingent upon successful completion of the program. Education Awards can be used to pay for college or technical school, pay back qualified student loans and more. For more information about the Segal Education Award please visit: <a href="mailto:americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-americorps-education-award">americorps.gov/members-volunteers/segal-americorps-education-award</a>

- Flexible vacation and sick leave are available throughout the term of service. Your weekly hours commitment of 27-30 hours per week is based on the program allocating 14 days of personal leave, including vacation and sick leave, to each member as part of their 6 month term. These days can be used at member discretion.
- Outside employment and school attendance is allowable during off hours.
- Program Benefits: Monthly living stipend distributed by UNI, Segal Education Award upon successful completion, AmeriCorps Child Care Assistance, AmeriCorps Member Assistance Program (MAP), Federal loan deferment, Public Service Loan Forgiveness Qualification, and interest accrual repayment, training and certifications, individualized professional development opportunities and funding.

**Term Commitment:** The program hires on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. 6-month position openings include the following:

- February 10th, 2025 August 15th, 2025
- March 3rd, 2025 August 29th, 2025
- March 31st, 2025 September 26th, 2025

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

- At minimum members must be high school graduates, GED recipients, working on attaining a high school diploma or GED during their term of service
- Be 17 years or older (no upper age limit)
- Pass a national service criminal history check
- Hold one of the following <u>U.S. citizenship statuses</u>: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident
- Have a valid driver's license or other government issued photo identification.

Green Iowa AmeriCorps feels it is vital to our mission to foster a culture where our service members and community partners feel valued and supported in every aspect of service.

