



**Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps State Program
Full Time Position Description**

Position Title:	Gardening Educator	Category:	AmeriCorps Service Member
Host Site:	Allen Neighborhood Center	Site Supervisor:	Rita O'Brien
Stipend:	\$12,630	Position Type:	Full-time, 1700 hours
HR Contact:	AmeriCorps Program Manager	Dates of Service:	Oct. 16, 2017 – Sept. 26, 2018

Position Description

Organization Information: Established in 1999, Allen Neighborhood Center (ANC) is a non-profit hub for neighborhood revitalization. Signature projects include the Hunter Park GardenHouse and Allen Farmers Market. These programs have emerged from neighborhood forums that address emerging issues and lead to pioneering, resident-driven strategies for community improvement. For more info, visit: www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org

Role and Responsibilities:

Our Gardening Educator will:

- Collaborate with the GardenHouse Director to develop and promote a robust gardening program throughout the Eastside (link neighbors to resources, assist with planning, promoting, and facilitating of garden education offerings including home garden visits, workshops, and Urban Gardener Certification Program.)
- Collaborate with Youth Programs Coordinator to develop, promote, and facilitate Youth Service Corps program for 11-17 year olds. Specific youth projects include: Garden-in-a-Box, Edible Park, and Fruit Tree Project.
- Provide guide-by-the-side instruction to GardenHouse volunteers and visitors during GardenHouse open hours. Support GardenHouse Director in year-round, allowable Hunter Park GardenHouse CSA operations.
- Participate in a PWC AmeriCorps Program-wide data reporting system with program required survey questions; and further document the effectiveness and impact of GardenHouse programs through dot and paper surveys.

Minimum Qualification:

- Be at least 17 years of age. Minors must have guardian permission. Applicants must have HS diploma, GED or working toward the completion of one.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Pass the following checks: State of Michigan, DHS Central Registry Clearance, FBI Fingerprinting, and State & National Sex Offender Registry

Preferred Skills:

- Desire and ability to engage with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods
- Ability to function independently and in a team environment
- 1+ years' experience in urban gardening/farming (seedling care, soil, compost, pest & disease control)
- Computer skills, excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Flexible availability required (some night and weekends)

Compensation:

Members will receive a living allowance of \$12,630 distributed bi-weekly from October 16, 2017-September 26, 2018 and receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Upon successful completion of service an education award in the amount of \$5,775 will be issued. Members will serve 36 hours/week. All interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps Program Director, Andrea Villanueva at avillanueva@ingham.org no later than **August 7th by 5pm.**