

VHCB AmeriCorps

Home Repair and Weatherization Assistant



COVER Home Repair, White River Junction VT

This position is part of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps (VHCB AmeriCorps). The VHCB AmeriCorps program supports the innovative dual-goal approach to creating stable affordable housing opportunities for Vermont residents while preserving the natural and working landscape. VHCB AmeriCorps is a national service program that places members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

COVER's mission is to foster hope and build community in the Upper Valley and is located in White River Junction, Vermont. We do this by bringing together staff, volunteers, and homeowners in fellowship to complete urgently needed home repair projects and to facilitate the effective reuse of household goods and building materials. The goal of the position is to facilitate building community through the process of volunteer-assisted home repair.

Essential Functions:

- Be interested and enthusiastic about learning carpentry, weatherization and other aspects of the building trades
- Be interested and enthusiastic about engaging volunteers and homeowners with sensitivity to issues of culture and class
- Assist lead carpenters at construction sites – repairing homes, building accessibility ramps, repairing roofs and floors
- Assist with weatherizing homes to save energy, keep homeowners warm and reduce carbon emissions
- Prepare materials and tools for jobsites, including ordering and picking up materials
- Lead volunteers to complete home repair & weatherization
- Organize workshop and inventory materials
- Improve website and outreach materials including taking pictures and blogging
- Participate in an Independent Service Project under the guidance of VHCB AmeriCorps
- Participate in VHCB AmeriCorps Trainings, Service Days, Events, and Program Initiatives.
- Engage in professional and personal development activities and networking opportunities.

Desired Qualifications:

- The Home Repair Assistant needs to be capable of a wide range of tasks: construction, educating volunteers, planning construction activities, recruiting volunteers, coordinating with homeowners, facilitating meals on construction sites.
- Enthusiasm for mission
- Strong interest in construction. Ability to lift and carry 35 lbs.
- Strong communication skills – both verbal and written
- Good driving skills and good record
- Ability to self-organize and serve independently



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Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status;
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation or 17 years of age with written parental permission that has been verified by phone;
- Be a high school graduate, have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards a GED as part of the service-term. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps.
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check
- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program's ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.

Additional Information:

Service Condition: The Home Repair and Weatherization Assistant will need to serve BOTH outside (60%) and inside (40%) in both winter and summer. This position requires service hours on weekends.

Position begins June 4, 2019 and ends August 30, 2019.

This position is **Quarter time** Requires 450 hours for an average of 40 hours per week for 12 weeks. Member will receive a living allowance of \$5400 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1566 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training and networking opportunities.

This position does have recurring access to vulnerable populations (youth, persons over 60, individuals with disabilities).

To Apply: <http://www.vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameri-corps/ameri-corps-positions>

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

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Application deadline: April 15 2019

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.



The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) is sponsoring this AmeriCorps position through their AmeriCorps Program. VHCB is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions are open to all

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applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran’s status, religion or creed.



Member Name: _____

Signature: _____



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