

FoodCorps Service Member Application 2017-2018



Introduction

Thank you for applying for FoodCorps. We would not be where we are right now were it not for the thousands of passionate and experienced AmeriCorps members who believe in our mission enough to invest their time and faith in this application process. We are looking forward to building our sixth class of service members and it all starts right here! If you haven't already, please check out our What You'll Do pages to learn more about the Service Member position. We also strongly encourage you to read about our service sites so that you can make an informed decision about where you want to serve.

We know that FoodCorps is stronger, more innovative and therefore more impactful when our service members represent a diversity of perspectives and life experiences and feel empowered to raise their voices, offer opinions, and be engaged. We enthusiastically invite people of all ethnic/racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and ages to apply to serve with us as long as you turn 18 by August 4, 2017. The deadline for submitting your online application is March 15th, 2017, 6 pm PST. Here are some things you should be aware of in order to complete the application with the least amount of difficulty and confusion:

There is no need to pay a fee in order to apply for FoodCorps.

If you have questions regarding the program, service sites, selection timelines, orientation, etc. please e-mail us at serve@foodcorps.org.

Submitting this application is no guarantee or promise of selection for FoodCorps service.

Best of luck! We look forward to reading all about you,

The FoodCorps Team

Screening Questions

You will not qualify for service with FoodCorps if you do not meet the criteria below.

Have you or will you have earned at least the equivalent of a high school diploma or GED before August 4, 2017? *
FoodCorps service members are required to have achieved at least a High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent before the start of the term of service.

Have you or will you reach the age of 18 by August 4, 2017? *
FoodCorps service members have to be 18 years old or older before the start of their service term.



Have you already served 4 terms (part-time or full-time) with AmeriCorps State or National? *

If you have already served 4 terms (part-time or full-time) with AmeriCorps State or National, you are ineligible to serve as a FoodCorps service member. If you have served as a VISTA or NCCC, you are eligible to serve. If you have served the equivalent of two full-time terms of any AmeriCorps program, you may serve as a FoodCorps member, but you are ineligible to receive another Education Award.

Are you a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or legal permanent resident of the U.S.? (This includes individuals born in the U.S.; naturalized U.S. citizens; individuals who have a U.S. citizen parent and qualify under the Child Citizenship Act; and individuals born in Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.) *

Under AmeriCorps and FoodCorps requirements, FoodCorps service members have to provide proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency.

Under AmeriCorps & FoodCorps requirements, you will not be eligible for FoodCorps service membership if you have been convicted of a violent felony or a felony charge for the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance or illegal drug use, are listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, refuse to undergo a National Service Criminal History check, or make a false statement concerning your criminal history. Any kind of convictions not mentioned above will not automatically disqualify you from FoodCorps, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicant Information

Legal First Name: *

Legal Last Name: *

Preferred First Name (if different from Legal First Name):

Preferred Last Name:

Email: *

Make sure it is an e-mail address that will remain valid for at least the next 12 months.

Primary Phone Number: *

Please include your area code.

Current Street Address: *

Current City: *

Current State: *

If you currently live out of the country, choose the state where you most recently lived.

Current Zip code: *



Permanent Address

If different from your current address.

Permanent City:

Permanent State:

Permanent Zip code:

Have you applied to FoodCorps before? *

If you were provided with an application code, please share:

Related Experience

Please share your most relevant volunteer positions, internships, club affiliations, or jobs you've held in the arenas of food, gardening/farming, education, health, youth services, community organizing, social justice, and/or the environment. Please begin with your most recent experience (a maximum of 5).

Position Title #1: *

Organization or Company Name: *

Location (City/State) *

Start and End Dates: *

(For example, January 2013-September 2013)

One sentence describing your responsibilities or accomplishments: *

Approximately how many hours per week did you dedicate to this position? *

Position Title #2:

Organization or Company Name:

Location (City/State)

Start and End Dates:

(For example, January 2013-September 2013)

One sentence describing your responsibilities or accomplishments:



Approximately how many hours per week did you dedicate to this position?

Position Title #3:

Organization or Company Name:

Location (City/State)

Start and End Dates:

(For example, January 2013-September 2013)

One sentence describing your responsibilities or accomplishments:

Approximately how many hours per week did you dedicate to this position?

Position Title #4:

Organization or Company Name:

Location (City/State)

Start and End Dates:

(For example, January 2013-September 2013)

One sentence describing your responsibilities or accomplishments:

Approximately how many hours per week did you dedicate to this position?

Position Title #5:

Organization or Company Name:

Location (City/State)

Start and End Dates:

(For example, January 2013-September 2013)

One sentence describing your responsibilities or accomplishments:



Approximately how many hours per week did you dedicate to this position?

Training

FoodCorps welcomes applicants from a wide variety of education and training backgrounds. Your degree—or lack thereof—is not the primary determinant of your readiness to serve. Nonetheless, sharing your traditional or nontraditional educational background allows us to evaluate your knowledge and/or training in the fields of agriculture, culinary arts, food systems, education, public health, nutrition, and community organizing. We recommend that you share up to three of your most relevant and substantive educational experiences, which can include an apprenticeship, leadership training, certification, or study abroad program as well as your undergraduate, graduate, or high school studies. Please begin with your most recent training/education.

Share the highest level of education you will have achieved prior to August 4, 2017: *
(Institution, Program of Study, Year of Completion)

Would you like to add additional educational experience? If so, include the Institutions, Programs of Study, Years of Completion below:

Additional Information

What is your first language? *

FoodCorps enthusiastically invites ESL speakers to apply for our program. Knowing your first language will help to ensure that we evaluate your application with that context in mind and to better match you with sites where your language skills will be valued.

Do you speak any languages besides English? If so, please share language and level of proficiency *



Do you own or have access to a vehicle? *

You are not required to have access to a vehicle, but your answer will ensure that we place you in the most suitable service position. If you will not have access to a car during your service term, please consult our website for a list of service sites where a car is optional or unnecessary.

Are you potentially interested in serving two terms with FoodCorps?

Serving with FoodCorps is only an 11.5 month commitment, but our service members are allowed to serve up to two years as long as they are still eligible as per AmeriCorps regulations.

Have you previously served as an AmeriCorps member? If so, please share the name of the program(s) and service term(s).*

How did you hear about FoodCorps?*



Short Answer

This section provides you with an opportunity to tell us about your motivations and interest in serving with FoodCorps, as well as your chance to share with us the experiences and accomplishments that make you a unique and well-qualified candidate. Before you craft your responses, we encourage you to learn more about FoodCorps. Read about our mission, vision, and the approach we are using to build healthy school food environments, and what experiences, knowledge, and skills best prepare people to serve with us.

We know that writing isn't every one's strong suit or preferred form of expression, so we have provided you with the option to attach a multimedia response to any of the questions below and we strongly encourage you to upload at least one creative file instead of writing. (For example: video, audio file, PowerPoint, Keynote, or Prezi presentation, photographs, blogs, excerpts from papers or lesson plans, etc.)

Motivation: What values and experiences have inspired you to join FoodCorps? What motivates you to take on this challenge? In other words, why do you want to serve with us? What do you hope to gain personally or professionally from this experience? (*Answer in writing or with a multimedia attachment*)*



Knowledge: What have your personal, education, and/or work experiences taught you about the relationship between food, health, education, and inequality? *(Answer in writing or with a multimedia attachment)**

Leadership: How have your personal, education, and/or work experiences prepared you for a successful year of public service with FoodCorps?* *(Answer in writing or with a multimedia attachment)**

Experience With Marginalized Communities: Describe your experience being part of, working with, or learning about the history or culture of people marginalized by race, class, geography, or immigration status? What has been your biggest lesson? The biggest challenge? How would you bring this experience to bear on your FoodCorps service? *(Answer in writing or with a multimedia attachment)**



You in One Sentence

Really Important: If you were a vegetable, what vegetable would you be and why?

References

Please submit the names of two people who can attest to the quality of your skills, abilities, and/or passion. An example of a good professional reference could be a supervisor, a teacher, someone who managed you as a volunteer, a mentor, or someone else from your community or school who knows you well. Please do not include family members unless you have worked for them in a professional capacity. Please note that by submitting these names, you authorize FoodCorps and our site partners to contact these people if you advance to the second round. It is unlikely that we will contact them unless/until you have been interviewed.

Reference #1 Full Name *

Title/Organization

Relationship to You *

Phone Number *

E-mail Address *

Reference #2 Full Name *

Title/Organization

Relationship to You *

Phone Number *

E-mail Address *



Service Preferences

If you are selected to advance to the next round in the selection process, your application materials will be sent to ONE state for review. Our site partners in that state will review approximately 10 applications for each position offered and choose to interview a smaller number of candidates from that pool. Please note that we add, drop, and combine a handful of service sites every year, so this is not necessarily an exhaustive or completely accurate list of all possible sites for next year, but is a close approximation. Some states are more competitive than others. Please visit our webpage to review acceptance rates for each state and to download our guide to FoodCorps Service Sites with descriptions.

State Preference #1: *

Please indicate which service site(s) you are interested in serving if you have a preference:

What do you know or hope to learn about the culture, history, and/or politics of the community or population you are applying to serve? *

State Preference #2: *(If you're only interested in your first choice state you do not need to complete this section.)*

Please indicate which service site(s) you are interested in serving if you have a preference:



What do you know or hope to learn about the culture, history, and/or politics of the community or population you are applying to serve? *

State Preference #3: *(If you're only interested in your first and second choice state(s) you do not need to complete this section.)*

Please indicate which service site(s) you are interested in serving if you have a preference:

What do you know or hope to learn about the culture, history, and/or politics of the community or population you are applying to serve?



Additional Considerations

I am interested in service positions that primarily involve: (circle all that apply) *

All FoodCorps positions will incorporate all three of the choices below, but your answer will help us place you in a service environment that best matches your interests.

- Teaching hands-on food & nutrition lessons in the classroom and garden
- Promoting healthy eating options in the cafeteria
- Community organizing to support a school-wide culture of health

Do you prefer urban, suburban, or rural placement? *

FoodCorps has a high need for people interested in serving rural communities. If you are interested, please select rural as one of your options instead of "no preference" so that we can more easily share your application with potential service sites.

Is there anything else we should know about you in determining where you may best be suited to serve?

Certification

Please review the following statements and certify their accuracy by checking each box and then typing your initials into the text box below:

Section 1 *

I have read the FoodCorps application instructions and I certify that I am eligible to serve as a FoodCorps service member for the 2016-2017 term. Eligibility requirements include:

You must be 18 years of age or older by September 1, 2016

You are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident

You have achieved your high school diploma or GED

You have not previously served four AmeriCorps State or National terms.

PLEASE INITIAL HERE:



Section 2 *

If I am selected as a finalist for a FoodCorps position, I give FoodCorps permission to conduct criminal history background checks in accordance with the Corporation for National and Community Service guidelines. I understand that in accordance with AmeriCorps policy, I will not be eligible for service membership if I am listed on the National Sex Offender Public Registry, if I have been previously convicted of a violent felony, if I have been previously convicted of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or illegal drug, or if I refuse to undergo a National Service Criminal History check. I understand that other prior criminal history does not necessarily prohibit me from serving with FoodCorps, but that each case will be reviewed by FoodCorps before my membership can be approved.

Visit this link to learn more about our background check requirements.

PLEASE INITIAL HERE:

Section 3 *

I give FoodCorps permission to use any non-identifiable information that I provide in this application for programming purposes, including promotional or communications purposes.

PLEASE INITIAL HERE:

Section 4 *

I certify that the information provided in this Application is accurate. I understand that the withholding of any information sought by this Application, or the giving of false information on this Application, will result in a refusal of selection or, if discovered after I am selected, in disciplinary action up to and including the termination. I hereby grant permission to any person, firm or corporation to release to FoodCorps or its representatives any and all information regarding my past service, work or employment and my background. I waive any and all claims I might have with respect to the providing of such information. I further understand and agree that if I am offered and accept a service position with FoodCorps, my service would be on an at-will basis. This means that either I, or FoodCorps, may terminate the service relationship at any time with or without cause. It also means that FoodCorps reserves the right to determine and change at any time my service duties and responsibilities, reporting relationships, compensation and benefits, as well as its personnel policies and procedures for any reason or for no particular reason or cause. Finally, I understand and agree that this constitutes the entire agreement between me and FoodCorps with regard to my application for service.

PLEASE INITIAL HERE:

