

AmeriCorps ACES Volunteer

Enrich your life and that of older adults in your community

The Columbia Land Conservancy is seeking a baby-boomer or retiree to serve as an AmeriCorps member in an outdoor and variety of eldercare settings, and is made possible with a grant from AmeriCorps (administered by the Foundation of Long Term Care).

What can an AmeriCorps position do for me? By becoming a AmeriCorps ACES (AmeriCorps in Eldercare Setting) volunteer, you will join the national effort to meet the nation's needs through service.

What will I be doing? Serving with the Columbia Land Conservancy, you will make it possible for the organization to expand the Access for All program. This will include leading strolls through public conservation areas, assisting with environmental education programs, and enlisting and engaging other volunteers.

What is the Access for All program? The program began several years ago with the construction of a one-mile wheelchair accessible trail at the Greenport Conservation Area, making exploration of the natural world a reality for people of all abilities. The purchase of three ultra-light all-terrain wheelchairs make it possible to expand this program to those natural areas not accessible by a traditional wheelchair. Positive feedback from program participants and their families have demonstrated that these outings are helping to enrich the lives of many elders.

What are the AmeriCorps requirements that I should know about before applying?

- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be an American Citizen or permanent resident
- Be able to devote 900 flexible hours over the next 12 months toward service
- Have not been convicted of a criminal offense (all potential members must consent to a criminal background check)

What type of volunteer is best suited for this service?

- Enthusiasm and experience working with seniors
- Have teaching experience, or a background in environmental studies
- Ability to lead walks through public conservation areas
- Enjoy being outdoors
- Ability to travel throughout Columbia County
- Preferably 55 years of age or older (other applicants will be considered)

Who we are and what we do.



The Conservancy is a private, locally supported, not-for-profit organization that works with the community to conserve the farmland, forests, wildlife habitat and rural character of Columbia County, strengthening connections between people and the land. The Access for All program helps to connect people of all abilities to these special places and enrich the lives of seniors throughout the community.

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