



Feeding Laramie Valley Job Description and Application Details 2020 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate

Position: Feeding Laramie Valley Shares Summer Associate

Reports To: Feeding Laramie Valley Shares Team (Food Production Coordinator, Reece Owens; Food Production Assistant, and AmeriCorps member, Dom Frausto)

Mentoring Access: Feeding Laramie Valley Community Activism Team (including Production Garden Designer/Mentor, Community Voice Journalists, Capacity Builders, Feeding Laramie Valley Founder, plus learning opportunities through various university and community collaborations).

Start and End Dates: May 2020 to July 2020 OR June 2020 to September 2020 (Actual Dates TBD. Ability to commit to entire 10-week season with some holiday, weekend and/or evening work as required. There is occasional flexibility in the schedule with supervisor's advance approval.)

Position Overview:

A Feeding Laramie Valley (FLV) Shares Summer Associate (SA) will serve as a community-based activist and advocate for group and individual efforts to promote local food security and equity in Albany County, Wyoming. The position involves hands-on work in local food production (gardening), collection, distribution; assistance with overall organizational operations and in a variety of community food projects.

Responsibilities:

- Work with interns, team members and volunteers on planting, watering and harvesting food for distribution within the Albany County community.
- Help plan and implement the weekly public distribution of grown and donated produce to individuals experiencing food insecurity as well as participate in various public FLV events.
- Participate in FLV-sponsored events and provide assistance to community-based participatory research projects.
- Assist in setting up and staffing Shares booth at Farmers Markets each Thursday and Friday afternoon from mid-July through August. Tasks include:
 - educating public on Feeding Laramie Valley's Shares program and food production sites
 - enlisting Farmers Market vendors to donate food at end of market
 - weighing and recording food donations from vendors and the public.
- Help wash, sort, divide and distribute donated produce (process occurs 2 – 3 times/week).
- Contribute to FLV social media sites on a regular basis, including photos, videos and program-positive comments regarding work that's being done.
- Attend meetings and training as arranged with the Food Production Coordinator and FLV Founder.
- Ability to regularly and safely lift up to 50 lbs. with proper body mechanics.
- Ability to work outside, in all weather conditions and be willing to get dirty.
- The Feeding Laramie Valley Shares team members are expected to work independently at times and in a leadership capacity with volunteers.
- Provide a weekly personal narrative (and photo/art journal if desired) of the intern/apprentice experience to the FLV Founder.



Financial Stipend: Bi-weekly living allowance of about \$473.08, 35/hours work week for 10 weeks. Choice of an end-of-service education award of about \$1,311.00 that can be used for school payments or federal loans or cash stipend accrued at approximately \$345.00.

Summer Associate will also receive a weekly produce Shares bag filled with fresh produce grown locally and regionally by your team.

Scheduling:

FLV Shares Summer Associate Hours

35/hours per week. Actual schedule will change throughout the summer, and will be determined at a later date. Ability to commit to a flexible work schedule will be necessary.

Each 8-hour day includes a one-hour lunch break.

Additional Requirements:

All staff, interns and volunteers for FLV are subject to criminal record background checks. A copy of a current drivers license record is required in order to drive on behalf of FLV.

Application:

Essay and interview required. If selected for an interview, two references will be required.

Applicants are asked to write an essay of interest in the position, including experiences with community and other gardening work; and/or other experiences with social justice projects. In this essay, please describe why this position interests you, what relevant experience you may have, and why you would be a good fit for FLV. Applicants may wish to include a statement on how they view this experience enhancing their personal and professional goals.

For More Information and to Apply:

Please email essay and full contact information to Reece Owens, reece@feedinglaramievalley.org, or contact us for alternative delivery methods. A resume may also be included but is not required. Please place in the email subject line: 2020 VISTA Summer Associate – Shares.

Application Deadline: Applications may be submitted beginning Thursday, February 13, 2020, and must be received no later than 11:00 p.m. Mountain Time, Friday, May 1, 2020 for consideration for the 2020 AmeriCorps VISTA Shares Summer Associate - Feeding Laramie Valley.