

Title Child Hunger Corps Member

Employment Type Child Hunger Corps

City Multiple Cities

Description **POSITION OVERVIEW**

The **Child Hunger Corps** is a national service program designed to increase the capacity and capability of food banks to execute programs targeted towards the alleviation of child hunger. The objective of the program is to increase the number of nutritious snacks and meals served to children in need in local communities across the country. During their term of service, Corps members complete three main tasks:

1. Conduct a community needs assessment
2. Implement and/or expand child hunger programs
3. Evaluate the program(s) they developed and document the process

The Child Hunger Corps initiative is generously sponsored by the ConAgra Foods Foundation. The program officially launched in August 2010, and in this inaugural year six individuals are served at food banks across the country. In August 2011, we placed a second cohort of ten Corps members in the field. There are currently 17 Corps members working at food banks across the country. **Read more about their experiences as Corps members.**

PLACEMENT LOCATIONS

In August 2012 Feeding America will be placing a third cohort of **10 Child Hunger Corps** members in the field. Corps members are placed for two years at a Feeding America network member food bank. Placements will occur at:

- Good Shepherd Food Bank – Auburn, Maine
- Southeast Missouri Food Bank – Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Care and Share Food Bank – Colorado Spring, Colorado
- Northern Illinois Food Bank – Geneva, Illinois
- Harvesters – The Community Food Network – Kansas City, Missouri
- St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – Phoenix, Arizona
- Foodlink, Inc.- Rochester, New York
- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona –Tucson, Arizona
- East Texas Food Bank – Tyler, Texas
- Capital Area Food Bank – Washington, District of Columbia

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Work with host food bank to develop a needs assessment to identify gaps in child feeding in the local community, and programs to address these gaps.
2. Develop and implement a program(s) that seeks to increase children's access to nutritious food either in the summer, afterschool, on weekends, and/or at home.
3. Document the process of designing and implementing the program(s) to promote replication and sustainability.
4. Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the implemented program(s) to assess the successes and make recommendations for program improvement.
5. Build community partnerships that facilitate the development and/or expansion of

- child hunger programs.
6. Recruit volunteers to assist in the operation of child hunger program(s).
 7. Participate in all Feeding America led Child Hunger Corps trainings and other meetings as required.
 8. Participate in host food bank orientation and work as part of the host food bank's team throughout the program.
 9. Contribute to Child Hunger Corps blog on a monthly basis.
 10. Be an active participant in the Child Hunger Corps community.

WHY BECOME A CORPS MEMBER?

Corps Members will gain valuable skills and knowledge in:

- Program design
- Project management
- Professional experience in the nonprofit sector
- Leadership skills
- Understanding of hunger in America

Corps Members will also receive:

- Training in developing a needs assessment, program implementation & program evaluation
- Support from national Feeding America staff & local food bank staff
- \$24,200 annual living allowance
- Health & dental insurance; paid vacation days
- Funds to attend Feeding America national conferences

Requirements

- BA/BS required
- Volunteer or community service experience
- Ability to take initiative and demonstrated leadership experience/skills
- Familiarity with anti-hunger/anti-poverty initiatives
- Ability to work and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work in a team and within broad coalitions
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Proficient in MS Office applications and ability to learn new technological applications
- Committed to organizational mission of ending hunger

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS

In addition to providing a resume, all applicants must provide answers to the following 5 questions when completing the online application:

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Child Hunger Corps? (Suggestion: Why this program opposed to another service, job, or educational opportunity?) What about the program draws you to commit two years to national service?
2. What relevant and/or unique skills do you possess that would make you a successful member of the 3rd cohort of Child Hunger Corps members?
3. Please describe the most impactful experience you have had volunteering, working

within diverse communities, and/or developing programs. What lessons did you learn?

4. How does this program fit into your long-term professional plans?
5. Which food bank would you like to be placed at? What about this community in particular draws you to serve there? (If you are interested in multiple locations, please indicate your top three choices and briefly describe what draws you to your #1 location. If you are open to be placed at any of the 10 host food banks please make note of this).

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified applicants must complete an online application. A completed application includes your resume and your answers to the 5 application questions listed above. **All applications are due by February 24th.**