

BECOMING A FOODCORPS OREGON SERVICE SITE

Thank you for your interest in becoming a FoodCorps Oregon service site!

What is FoodCorps?

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to real food and help them grow up healthy. We are creating a future in which all our nation's children—regardless of class, race, or geography—know what healthy food is, care where it comes from, and eat it every day.

FoodCorps serves in 17 states and the District of Columbia and consists of a collaborative network of host site organizations, service sites and service members (active and alumni).

FoodCorps purpose is to recruit, train and place emerging leaders into limited-resource schools for a year of service delivering programs that teach schoolchildren food and nutrition education, gardening skills and increase healthy options offered in school meal programs.

FoodCorps Oregon is hosted by the **Oregon Department of Agriculture's** Agricultural Development and Marketing Program. ODA currently supports 10 service members serving with 8 local partner organizations across the state. Besides hosting FoodCorps, ODA's Farm to School program connects local farmers, distributors, and processors with school cafeterias in K-12 schools. This brings Oregon agricultural products to school cafeterias, strengthens local economies and connects youth to their food system through school gardens, farm field trips, and the exploration of agricultural careers.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- ✓ Community-based organizations that provide/are interested in providing farm to school and/or school garden programming that have proven, established relationships with local schools.
- ✓ Potential site supervisors with experience in career and leadership development who can support service member professional development.
- ✓ Programs that clearly promote Oregon Agriculture and have an interest in working with schools and students to develop their relationships with local Oregon foods. A focus on promoting careers in agriculture and the food system is also desirable.
- ✓ Organizations interested in engaging with the greater farm to school and school garden community in Oregon through active membership in the Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network (OFSSGN).

SERVICE SITE SELECTION TIMELINE (2016)

- January 13** **2:00 – 3:00pm**
Informational call and (Request for Qualifications) RFQ opens
- January 29** **5:00pm**
RFQ closes
- February 10**
Candidates invited to submit full proposal
- March 7** **5:00pm**
Full proposal due
- March 7-23**
Candidate interviews
- March 25**
Service sites selected and notified

Questions?

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BASIC SERVICE SITE REQUIREMENTS

Every FoodCorps service member placement must be structured to include the following relationships, program elements, and impact evaluation components.

- ✓ **Each service member serves in 1–3 high-need schools at depth.**
A high-need school is defined as having 50% or higher of its student population eligible for free or reduced lunch or other equal measure (such as community eligibility). Depth is defined as at least 8 hours/week of service devoted to an individual school and 80 students* receiving 10+ hours of food and garden education from a service member.
- ✓ **Every school served at depth uses FoodCorps' Healthy School Toolkit to plan and track progress.**
Service members must facilitate the completion of and submit a Healthy School Toolkit *Progress Report* and *Action Plan* annually for each school served at depth.
- ✓ **Every school served at depth plans for staying power of their healthy school environments.**
Schools understand that their time hosting a FoodCorps service member is limited; therefore, planning for sustainability—or staying power—becomes paramount.
- ✓ **Every service member meets annual FoodCorps evaluation targets.**
During the 2016–2017 service term, every service member must:
 - Support at least one school team in achieving improvement on the Healthy School Toolkit *Progress Report* (per school served at depth).
 - Serve a minimum of 80 students for 10+ hours.
 - Administer the Vegetable Preference Pre/Post-Survey to one group of students grades 2 and up receiving 10+ hours of food and garden education.

INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Every service site must demonstrate commitment to the FoodCorps program through the following investments.

- ✓ **Service sites demonstrate their commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of program management for FoodCorps.**
- ✓ **Service sites pay a \$6,250* program service fee per service member to FoodCorps.**
- ✓ **Service sites attend their state Service Site Training during Summer 2016.**

ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Service sites appoint one staff member to act as the service site supervisor. The service site supervisor will be the primary point of contact between the service site and the host site.**
- ✓ **Service sites maintain comprehensive liability coverage throughout the term of service and provide transportation or reimburse expenses for any necessary travel, not including their commute to and from service.**
- ✓ **Service sites provide a safe and accessible workspace for their service member(s), including a dedicated desk, phone and computer, and access to any other equipment or supplies necessary.**

**Program service fees determined annually by FoodCorps National and may be subject to change.*