

Nourishing Feasts & Farmacy Coordinator

Nourishing Feasts & Farmacy is a grassroots, Afro-Indigenous food- and maternity-desert CSA program focused on the nutritional impacts to a healthy pregnancy, positive birth outcome, and a restorative postpartum. This is our first year in establishing a 100' x 50' plot for crops.

The Coordinator is a part-time role whose primary responsibility is to work closely with the Caretaker to support the development of crops and establishment of a successful CSA program for the 2024 season.

The 1st year program objectives include:

- Begin a 100' x 50' garden plot with select produce specific to the preferences of surveyed Afro-Indigenous expectant or nursing mothers.
- Produce 10 - 15 weekly CSAs for ten weeks in the summer of 2024.

Scope of Service:

Objective 1: Assist Caretaker with establishing the foundation of a food forest (vegetable, fruit, nuts, and herbs) using largely permaculture methodology for a summer CSA program (90% of site time).

- Assist Caretaker with ground preparation and amendments, seed selection, planting, weeding, watering, pest control, harvesting, CSA packaging and preparation, tool and equipment maintenance.

Objective 2: Inform and engage community about the Nourishing Feasts & Farmacy Program (10% of site time)

- Assist with social media posts that highlight the progress and milestones of the Nourishing Feasts & Farmacy program twice weekly for the social media coordinator to review and post.
- Identify ways volunteers can help with larger tasks, develop a work plan that adheres to safety and health regulations, and post on volunteer hubs.

Desired Qualifications:

- At least 800 hours of experience in a production garden is a must, preferably using permaculture or other natural, holistic methods. Experience can include a family farm or small operation, volunteer or paid and/or related course work.
- High School Diploma required. FFA and 4H candidates a plus.
- Higher education courses in Agricultural Studies preferred.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must be able to engage in physical work associated with the role and in all sorts of weather.
- Must have reliable transportation.

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- This half-time role is for 12 months and must total at least 900 hours of service. Incumbents may renew once for a term with an educational award (2 years max) and not to exceed a total of 4 years of AmeriCorps service (final 2 years without educational award).
- Living stipend of \$10,800/annually is paid every two weeks and is considered taxable income.
- Educational awards are available at the end of a successful term and can be used for tuition and approved educational expenses at any Title IV school and towards a certificate, undergraduate or graduate degree. Currently, half-time educational awards are \$3,697.50 but can be subject to change.
- Additional education benefits are available for WV residents who serve within WV including tuition waiver at any public institution of higher education (upon availability).
- Incumbents may be eligible for a variety of benefits including medical, SNAP, and Child Care.
- The worksite is on a small farm in Mathias WV. Some tasks can be done remotely but not more than 20% of total hours any given week and only with prior approval.
- This is farm work. It is physical and you will get dirty. Assignment is not subject to inclement weather (unless extreme).
- For specific details about each role, select the position below.
- Incumbents are not employees of The Mountain Women Collective. AmeriCorps positions are sponsored through We the People in Washington DC and may require an initial trip there for program orientation.