



**Position Description for a Half-Time AmeriCorps Member
with United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore
2021-2022**

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore is seeking a Half-Time AmeriCorps member for the 2021-2022 service year.

For more than 75 years, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES) has been making a positive and lasting impact in education, health and financial stability, through investment in critical programs serving Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties. Annually UWLES provides over one million dollars to community programs at local nonprofit partners, impacting 1 of every 3 individuals on the Lower Shore. UWLES's community impact extends beyond funding support for partner programs; Direct opportunities (for instance, Women United, Student United Way, and the Get Connected Volunteer Center), empower community members beyond the traditional donor relationship, offering personal and professional growth while helping others through philanthropy and volunteerism. Additionally, UWLES engages in direct programs and community-wide initiatives. These include the ALICE Report, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Wellness Made Easy, nonprofit training and support, and the Lower Shore Addictions Awareness Visual Arts Competition. UWLES collaborates with other stakeholders to deliver these direct service resources for large-scale issues affecting our community.

Member Responsibilities:

- assisting with the annual partner application process
- providing support and professional development for partner agencies and the larger nonprofit sector
- supporting UWLES's direct service programs such as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the Get Connected Volunteer Center, and the Lower Shore Addiction Awareness Visual Arts Competition
- providing outreach about the direct service programs
- volunteer management

Requirements for applicants include the following:

- Have a strong interest in serving the community
- Be able to relate to diverse populations

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Able to provide copy of either high school diploma, GED, or college transcript
- Have reliable transportation
- Must successfully pass a comprehensive Criminal History Check, which includes free FBI fingerprinting
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants DO NOT need to be college students, anyone from the community who fits the above requirements may participate.
- Must be available to attend the free, AmeriCorps class at SU alternate Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., during the Fall and Spring semesters. (can discuss if there is a conflict)

Benefits available to the AmeriCorps Member:

- Valuable experience
- A bi-weekly stipend of \$300.00
- An education award of \$3,172.50 for future educational expenses or repayment of federal student loans - members who are age 55 or older may gift their ed. award to a child or grandchild
- Federal student loan forbearance while in service, with exemption from paying interest accrued during that time
- 8 tuition-free credits at Salisbury University for completion of training course
- Access to AmeriCorps Alumni Network

The member must complete 900 hours by August 14th, 2022.

This position is offered through a partnership with ShoreCorps, the AmeriCorps program at Salisbury University. It is contingent upon federal funding and approval of the AmeriCorps office.

To fill out an application, visit www.salisbury.edu/ameri-corps and click on 'Become a Member' and then 'Fill out an application.'

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs. Similar to the Military or the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps is another form of service to our country. The mission of AmeriCorps is to make our people safer, stronger and healthier; to strengthen our communities; and to Get Things Done for America. Our program, ShoreCorps, is one of hundreds of AmeriCorps programs nationwide. To learn more about AmeriCorps <https://www.national-service.gov/programs/ameri-corps>

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