



Application for Environmental Education Leadership Corps (EELCorps)

Thank you for your interest in one of the EELCorps Service Positions. We value and appreciate your passion for environmental education, and as such, we ask that you fill out the information below to help us get to know you better. Any questions? Feel free to email the EELCorps Program Director at Ashley.mike@ky.gov

Instructions for Submitting this application:

-Be sure to first create your MyAmeriCorps profile at

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/recruit/registration.do> before beginning this application

-Then, complete this application, and save it

-Send the application to Ashley.Mike@ky.gov with the Subject Heading: "EELCorps Application_YourName"

That's it! Thank you for considering serving with EELCorps!

Basic Information:

First Name:

M.I.

Last Name:

Suffix:

Preferred Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Check if we may:

Call

Text

Service sites (for a description of each of the positions, please see the Appendix):

The Arboretum

Ashland Community & Technical College

Berea College Forestry Outreach Center

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Bluegrass Greensource

City of Covington

EKU Division of Natural Areas

Franklin County Solid Waste

J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp

Jefferson Community & Technical College

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Kentucky Nature Preserves – Campbellsville

Legacy Grove Park

Lexington Parks and Recreation

Louisville Nature Center

West Kentucky Community & Technical College

List your top three choices for service site placements and explain why you chose them:

Questions about EELCorps requirements:

Are you legally authorized to work/serve in the United States?

Yes No

Are you willing and able to consent to a background check?

Yes No

Are you able to serve for 1700 hours (900 for Part time) during the term of a service year (about 40 hours per week for full time)?

Yes No

Please mark which you are seeking (one or both):

Full-time Part-time

A host site may have non-traditional hours of operation, or may need you outside of traditional work hours. If your host site should need you to serve something other than a 9a-5p schedule, are you able to be flexible?

Yes No If no, please explain:

As part of a service term with EELCorps, members are required to participate in the Professional Environmental Education Certification Course. The course will consist of four Thursday-Saturday workshops during your service term. Members will be reimbursed for travel and meal expenses to the workshops. Lodging for the course will be provided by EELCorps. Are you able and willing to diligently attend and complete the PEEC Course as required by EELCorps during your service term?

Yes No

Depending on location of your service site, these workshops may require that you stay overnight. Are you willing and able to stay overnight for two nights per workshop in the provided accommodations?

Yes No

It is necessary that you are able to check your email regularly. Will this be an issue?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Do you have a vehicle to get back and forth to your service site?

Yes No

If you DO have a vehicle, are you willing to use it for travel for your service site (provided that mileage reimbursement will be given)

Yes No

Questions about you:

How did you hear about EELCorps and what drew you to apply with our program?

What do you hope to gain from your AmeriCorps service year with EELCorps?

How do you envision the Professional Environmental Education Certification Course (PEEC Course) affecting your service term? What about your career after your service term?

How do you see your experiences up until this point aiding your host site in achieving EELCorps expectations (i.e. Completing the PEEC Course, developing environmental education programming, increasing environmental literacy, building capacity for ongoing environmental stewardship, etc.)?

By signing below, you, the applicant, certify that all of the answers in your application are true, and you agree to be considered for a service term with the Environmental Education Leadership Corps.

Signature of Applicant:

Date when signed:

To submit this application, please email the completed document to the EELCorps Program Director, Ashley Mike at Ashley.mike@ky.gov with the subject heading "EELCorps Application- Your Name," for example, "EELCorps Application-William Bennett".

Any questions about this application may be directed at Ashley Mike, via email at Ashley.mike@ky.gov. For questions about the application, please use the subject heading: "EELCorps Application Question- Your Name," for example "EELCorps Application Question- William Bennett".

Appendix→ Service Site Descriptions

Name of Site	Location of Site	Special Requirements for Position	Additional Requests for Application
The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	Must be available some evenings and weekends. Must have personal vehicle (mileage will be reimbursed).	Resume Cover letter *An additional background check will be done by the Arboretum.
<p>The member will be titled the AmeriCorps Program Specialist. Member will: Support preexisting Environmental Education programs including field trips, summer camps and daily operations of the Kentucky Children's Garden. Assist in the development of an interpretive and strategic plan, and develop new plant-focused programs. Assist with and lead quality environmental education programming. Assist with data compilation. Assist with marketing efforts. For more information, visit: https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/Jobs</p>			
Ashland CTC HALF-TIME POSITION	Ashland, KY		
<p>The member will Work under the guidance of the college's sustainability team. Coordinate campus-based sustainability activities for faculty, staff, and students. Research grant opportunities related to sustainability and potentially writing such grants for the college. Serve as a data specialist to help quantify and report the variety of metrics related to sustainability. Provide PD to faculty and staff to encourage sustainability at home and at work. Be a liaison between ACTC and local schools/districts to promote sustainability-related academic programs and campus-based activities. Educate working with younger students to teach about sustainability (the various aspects, not just environmental). Represent the college on community work groups to promote collaboration (and sustainability via sharing of resources).</p>			
Berea College Forestry Outreach Center	Berea, KY	For more information about the FOC, visit: http://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/	
<p>Member will: Build relationships with area school and community groups to whom we can offer Environmental Education (EE) programming. Develop EE programming geared toward pre-K-12 school groups and college students. Develop EE programming for community group, based on the NAAEE best practices for community education. Develop programming for community groups, including scouting groups. Develop short programs for Center visitors that can be offered regularly. Research and follow best practices for EE programming following NAAEE guidelines.</p>			
Big Sandy CTC	Prestonsburg, KY		
Position description TBA			
Bluegrass Greensource	Lexington, KY	Must be available some evenings and weekends. Must have personal vehicle (mileage will be reimbursed).	Please submit a resume, letter of interest and contact information for three references.
<p>Be a part of Bluegrass Greensource's six person environmental education team. Serve as a liaison between Bluegrass Greensource and the schools its 20 county region. Teach environmental lessons (i.e., waste reduction, water quality, rain gardens, and energy) to students in grades preK-12. Assist schools in planning and implementing waste audits, energy audits, and culminating events. Maintain relationships with teacher contacts. Develop environmental education programs that relate to Bluegrass Greensource's mission. Contribute to newsletters and social media and help to maintain the organization's website. Assist with marketing Bluegrass Greensource by attending, speaking and setting up displays at school expos, faculty meetings, environmental fairs, field days, education conferences, community outreach events, etc. For more information, visit: http://bggreensource.org/about-us/job-openings/.</p>			

City of Covington Parks and Recreation	Covington, KY	Must have transportation to and from service site	Please submit a resume and cover letter
<p>The member will serve as the crew supervisor for a pilot Groundwork program for the City. We are building a relationship with Groundwork Cincinnati/Mill Creek Watershed to expand to the Ohio River Valley. The member will supervise a team of youth green team members participating in Project WET and Project Learning Tree activities and ultimately culminating into service projects such as invasive species removal, tree plantings, garden maintenance and more. Additionally, the green team will be engaged in outdoor recreation opportunities such as camping, kayaking and hiking.</p>			

Eastern Kentucky Univ. Division of Natural Areas	Richmond, KY		
<p>The member will help provide environmental education programming primarily for K-12 schools at the 3 natural areas owned and operated by ECU as well as in K-12 classrooms For more information, visit: https://admissions.eku.edu/enrollment-infographic</p>			

Franklin County Solid Waste	Frankfort, KY	Vehicle recommended for site service, etc. Mileage will be reimbursed	
<p>The success of a community solid waste program depends on the participation of its residents. An important function of the Franklin County Solid Waste department is to provide outreach and education to residents on available solid waste systems and correct recycling practices. The need for this type of education has become even more relevant with the current shifts in national recycling markets. Currently, Franklin County conducts various community outreach programs, including a 6-week comprehensive Master Recycler community education course, various K-12 education programs, tabling and presentations at community events and to groups, and media outreach including print, web-based and television ad campaigns. The AmeriCorps member will be responsible for assisting with and implementing Franklin County's Master Recycler community education program. The member will assist in this training as well as assist in follow up and retention efforts for class graduates. This will include facilitating continuing education, coordinating communication, and compiling volunteer data.</p>			

J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp	London, KY	Transportation to and from service site.	
<p>This person will help schedule, plan, and execute environmental education programs for local school and 4-H clubs as well as various schools from extending counties that travel to us for educational purposes. We have been growing our Environmental Education programs each year and this person will help us educate more campers than ever before as well as our record setting summer camp numbers, which have grown each summer since 2015. Member will: Organize and maintain all Environmental Education (EE) course materials. Prepare new lesson plans. Assist in ordering and organizing new course materials. Teach EE lessons to campers. Organize EE camp schedules. Assist in preparing grounds and classrooms for EE groups. Help maintain trails. Create nature ID signage. For more information, visit: www.feltner4hcamp.com</p>			

Jefferson CTC	Louisville, KY		
<p>The member will establish Jefferson Campuses as Tree Campus USA campuses. Assist with the creation of a sustainable grounds care and planting plan. Provide support for initiatives that will increase JCTC's capacity to provide sustainability, environmental education and a request for sustainable behavior change. Promote sustainability initiatives and partnerships with the Partnership for a Green City that include energy reduction, transportation, create a presence on social media. Assist with grant writing. Convene and lead sustainability teams. Work on social justice issues – specifically provide support to a team that are working on the startup of a food pantry and food insecurity issues.</p>			

Jefferson Memorial Forest	Fairdale, KY		
<p>Member will: Provide ideas for, plan, and lead programs for diverse audiences, which may include guided nature explorations, presentations using education animals, canoeing, climbing, archery, fishing, team-building, boat building, service-learning projects, and summer camp.</p> <p>Assist senior staff in the development of new programs that fulfill community needs and the JMF mission statement.</p> <p>Make connections with individuals and volunteers in the community for program outreach and program enhancement.</p> <p>Assist other AmeriCorps members and staff in programming and activities that are during times you are available.</p> <p>Train and assist volunteers.</p>			

Kentucky Nature Preserves	Varies, Primary Location: Division of Natural Science, Campbellsville Univ. Clay Hill Memorial Forest	Must have transportation to and from service site.	
<p>Member will be the first environmental educator in this office. Member will: Conduct/organize guided hikes and educational programs concerning biodiversity and natural areas on Kentucky's State Nature Preserves, Natural Areas, and Heritage Lands in assigned region. Develop educational/interpretive materials for assigned sites. Attend assigned events/workshops with agency educational display. Develop/work with volunteers on assigned sites. Assist partnering conservation organizations as assigned with relevant educational programs.</p>			

Legacy Grove Park	Winchester, KY	Must be available some evenings and weekends. Must have personal vehicle. Work-related mileage will be reimbursed.	Resume and cover letter. Additional background check done by organization.
<p>Great communities have great parks. Legacy Grove is a new 30-acre public park in Winchester, KY opening in late 2018. This publicly-supported urban park provides space to play, reflect, imagine and connect in nature. The urban park will draw visitors from the local community, central Appalachia and beyond. This is an exciting opportunity to join a team that's building new programs and activities focused on the environment, nature and outdoor play. The AmeriCorps member's activities will center on developing a brand-new Environmental Education program for the park and community. Member will build relationships with schools, community groups, park neighbors and visitors, and partner organizations. The AmeriCorps member will help develop a volunteer program and activities for Legacy Grove. The member will gain experience in planning and implementing outdoor play programs for diverse audiences. Member will contribute to marketing materials and help maintain social media accounts and the park's website. This project will serve young children, young adults, adults, and seniors. The park includes accessible walking paths and an inclusive nature-based play area, so children and adults with limited mobility, physical disabilities or cognitive disabilities can actively engage with their friends and families at the park. Join us! It's more than just a walk in the park.</p> <p>For more information, visit: http://clarkambition.org/community-investment/project-1107/</p>			

Lexington Parks and Recreation	Lexington, KY		
<p>This position would not serve one particular location as our current staff does but rather will serve in new programming areas around the community such as unstaffed parks, parks in underserved areas, schools, summer camps, and more. This position will also have the opportunity to create and plan programs related to the Mayors Monarch Pledge which is a new program that the city is involved in relating to protecting the Monarch Butterfly.</p> <p>Member will: Lead EE programming at existing Natural Area Park. Work with community outreach coordinator to bring EE programs to underserved urban parks. Oversee sections of the Mayor Monarch Pledge program. Develop programs and events specific to Pollinator Awareness Week 2019. Establish EE programs at unstaffed park(s) within the county.</p>			

Louisville Nature Center	Louisville, KY	Personal vehicle recommended for service site.	
<p>Member will: Teach environmental education programs. Create new environmental education programs. Develop interpretive exhibits for the nature center. Serve with volunteer coordinator to recruit, train, manage, and reward volunteers. Assist staff and volunteers in maintaining visitor center, which could include: caring for animals; keeping library organized and stocked; working to make discovery room more welcoming to visitors; cleaning; covering front desk/greeting visitors when necessary.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.louisvillenaturecenter.org</p>			

West Kentucky CTC	Paducah, KY		
Position description TBA			