

Montana State Parks is pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting AmeriCorps National Service Members to begin in April 2019. Students and Alumni enrolled in the Dept. of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences may be very interested in this wonderful opportunity to gain experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, parks management, interpretive services, environmental and cultural education, community outreach, and volunteer management. These opportunities will take place amid the natural wonders and rich cultural heritage of Montana State Parks and these members will complete projects that have lasting impacts which benefit both the parks and the communities where they exist. Whether they are teaching kids about nature or history, or organizing a group of volunteers for a tree planting project; our members lead the way in our communities by exhibiting stewardship principles and a strong conservation ethic through hands on engagement. These positions take place across the State of Montana in our most cherished cultural, historic, natural, and recreational important Parks.

We are currently recruiting for our 900 hour members which will serve a 23-week term of service which runs from April through September. We know this time frame does not work well for many traditional students, but this opportunity is great for alumni seeking entry into the field, schools on a block schedule, students taking a break year, online only students, and most importantly students who have completed all of your programs requirements except an internship as many of our program participants have used this service term to fulfil that component of their degree.

AmeriCorps members will the Segal Education Award of \$3,047.50 upon successful completion of a term of service. The Segal Education Award can be used towards college tuition, repaying student loans, other education related expenses, or for Members who are 55 years or older can transfer the Education Award to a child, grandchild or foster child. All Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members will receive a modest living allowance and are also eligible to place their student loans in deferment during the term of service. All Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members will receive valuable trainings such as a [Certified Interpretive Guide certification](#); Heart-saver First Aid/CPR/AED; Volunteer Management in Montana State Parks. Members will also receive specific trainings based on the site needs that may include trail skills, weed pesticide application, Traditional (Native) Games Certification and GIS/GPS inventory techniques, and many other site or program specific trainings.

To qualify, members must be a legal U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident who is at least 18 years old and has a high school diploma or GED, though some college experience is preferred. These positions are filled on a rolling basis, so early application is encouraged. Applications are accepted through March 1st, 2019 at: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=48683&fromSearch=true>.

To learn more about our program, learn about how to apply, or to see what our members are up to, please visit the following links:

<http://stateparks.mt.gov/ameriCorps/>

<https://www.instagram.com/mtspameriCorps/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MTStateParksAmeriCorps/>

We appreciate your help in circulating this opportunity, which in turn will aid Texas A&M University students and alumni in making the next step into their career in Parks and Recreation Management.

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