



Serving in the Habitat for Humanity of Iowa AmeriCorps Field
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Construction Services AmeriCorps

Reports To: Director of Construction Services

Position Type: AmeriCorps State volunteer serving through Habitat for Humanity of Iowa; approximately 12 months of full-time service (1700 hours minimum).

Position Description: The member will build and renovate decent affordable Habitat homes as a means of transforming lives and neighborhoods. This includes helping Habitat staff welcome, orient and guide volunteers and Habitat partner families at Habitat construction sites, as well as assisting Habitat staff to prepare sites. Position duties may also include assisting with outreach to area residents and helping team repair or improve homes and community spaces.

Expected Schedule This position is full-time, 7:30-4:30PM Tuesday-Saturday or Monday- Friday with work on some evenings required throughout the year. Holiday, sick leave, and vacation time do not count towards member minimum service hour requirements.

Responsibilities

- Help load and maintain organization of tool trailers and/or site containers
- Assist Habitat Construction Staff members to ensure needed tools and materials are on-site
- Assist with neighborhood relations and/or outreach as assigned
- Organize tools and materials when returning to warehouse
- Assist in material pick-up, lot cleanup, home repairs or improvements, and home construction as assigned
- Help welcome volunteers to Habitat sites and ensure that they have safe, productive volunteer days
- Help lead volunteer groups to complete construction tasks as assigned

Requirements

- Willingness to coach and serve alongside volunteers indoors and out, in all kinds of weather conditions
- Able to hear in order to listen to questions and instructions onsite and during meetings
- Able to give detailed information through verbal communication
- Demonstrated ability to organize, prioritize and pay attention to detail
- Desire to serve with diverse team of staff, volunteers, partner families, and neighborhood residents
- Committed to Habitat's mission, vision and values
- Adaptable and able to thrive in a home repair or construction environment
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds and serve on uneven surfaces of Habitat sites

- Willingness and ability to climb ladders and scaffolding for purposes of home repairs, home construction or other neighborhood revitalization activities
- Valid driver's license
- Previous construction or repair experience preferred, but not required

Benefits

- Taxable AmeriCorps Living allowance \$17,000 (current year member benefits at www.iowahabitat.org/member-page)
- Education award: \$6400 contingent upon successful completion of term and member eligibility
- Health Insurance
- Member Assistance Program (mental health counseling, life coaching, financial advising)
- National Serviced Federal Loan forbearance and accrued interest payments

This position is expected to have regular, scheduled and anticipated recurring access to vulnerable populations through their service.

Habitat for Humanity of Iowa is an equal opportunity employer.