AmeriCorps Environmental Full-time and Part-time Year around Internship

The MEO AmeriCorps Environmental program is seeking individuals to serve as year around internship on the islands of Maui, Moloka`i and Lana`i. Participants will spend one year ‘in the field’ of conservation from November 14, 2008 – November 13, 2009 working along side natural resource managers, educators, biologists and community leaders.

**Duties** include wildlife, land and native plant protection/restoration, invasive species removal, feral animal control, game-proof fencing and Emergency first responder to assist as a disaster relief aid.

**Requirements:** Strong interest in pursuing an education and a career in conservation, possess a high school diploma or GED, U.S. citizen or legal alien, minimum age requirement 17. Must be willing and able to camp and work in remote, rugged areas in cold, wet or extremely hot weather. This includes rigorous hiking conditions in steep terrain, carrying heavy loads (up to 50 lbs.) in elevations from sea level to 5000 feet. Willingness to be transported to remote work sites by helicopters. Ability to communicate orally and in writing. Must have own transportation and housing, and most importantly be able to commit to a year of service.

**Trainings:** CPR and 1st Aid Certification, Basic Helicopter Safety Certification, Native and Non-Native plant identification Training, Disaster Preparedness Relief Certification and other specific trainings provided by program and host agency staff.

**Benefits:** Receive a living allowance ranging between $12,325.00 - $6,525.00, Gain valuable skills and training and upon successful completion of the program receive an educational award of up to $4,725 to use to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off a student loan. Full-time members receive basic medical coverage and child care benefits.
For more information contact

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*(Closing date: September 19, 2008)*
AmeriCorps Environmental Internship Program
Maui County
Application Form

Answers must be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability in the space provided. Do not attach any information that is not requested. All applicants must turn in an application, resume, and one letters of recommendation (1) to:

MEO AmeriCorps Environmental Program
99 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Phone: 808-873-3101/Fax: 808-873-3103
Contact Person: Donna Borge

1. Name: _______________________________________________________________

2. Current Mailing Address: _______________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______________

Current Daytime Telephone: _____________ Nighttime Telephone: _____________

Email Address:______________________________

Street Address (if different): ______________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______________

Home Telephone: ________________ Birth date: ___/___/____

Social Security Number ________________ Gender: Male _____ Female ____

Check the highest level of education that you will have completed by the time you are planning to serve in AmeriCorps. (Check one)

__Some high school __ High school diploma or GED __Associate’s Degree

__ Some College __Bachelor’s Degree __Other’s (please specify) __________________

Have you ever received an AmeriCorps educational award? Yes ___ No ___, If so from where? ________________
The following are positions, internship sites. Please check off which internship you are applying for on the island you reside. If applying for more than one internship, please rank your Choices, first choice being 1. (Interns must provide for their own transportation and housing.):

Please check what position, island and agency you are interested in.

___ Full-time Positions (year around)
___ Part-time Positions (year around)
___ Summer (June-August)

**Maui**
- _____ DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife
- _____ DLNR/DOFAW- NARS
- _____ Maui Costal Land Trust-Waihe`e
- _____ Haleakala National Park
- _____ Maui Invasive Species Committee (Makawao)

**Hana**
- _____ Haleakala National Park – (Kipahulu)
- _____ Maui Invasive Species Committee – (Hana)

**Molokai**
- _____ USDA Plant Material Center
- _____ DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife
- _____ The Nature Conservancy

**Lanai**
- _____ DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Please answer the following questions. If needed, you may attach additional pages.

1. Why are you applying for an internship in environmental conservation? What do you hope to gain as an intern?

2. What are some of your long-term and short-term goals?

3. What do you consider to be your greatest strengths? What things would you like to most improve about yourself?

4. What do you think is the biggest threat to Hawaii’s environment? How would you solve this problem?
5. What relevant experiences make you a strong candidate for this internship?

6. What types of ecosystems would you most like to work in? What environmental conservation issues would you most like to be involved with during your internship? Why would you be a good fit for this internship?

7. This program requires that you actively participate in rugged terrain, on/in the water, and/or in bad weather, with minimal or no facilities (bathrooms, etc.). How would you fair in such conditions? Would there be any problems with your complete participation in the program? If yes, please explain fully.

8. How (or from whom) did you learn about this opportunity?

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. has my permission to inquire any information regarding my personal references.

Applicant’s signature: _________________________________ Date: _______________

*Note: Interns must be able to perform efficiently the physical and mental duties of their position. Qualified applicants with disabilities who can perform the essential functions of the internship position are encouraged to apply. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc and The Corporation for National Services is committed to making reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATIONS FORMS MUST BE IN OFFICE by

Deadlines:

*Full-time and Part-time (September 19, 2008)
Program runs November 08 – November 09

* Summer (April 20, 2009)
Program runs June 2009 - August 2009