



Not Forgotten Outreach VetCorps Farm Hand Position Description



Overview

Position Type: Seasonal, Three quarter-Time, Non-Exempt
Schedule: 29 hours per week
Wage: Weekly living stipend in the amount of \$405 (before taxes)
Reports to: Program Coordinator
Location: Not Forgotten Outreach, Taos, NM

VetCorps offers veterans and their families a paid opportunity to engage in a 2nd Mission: feeding local children and the community. VetCorps members participate in agricultural projects at Not Forgotten Outreach and engage in therapeutic activities to strengthen the ability of veterans to transition successfully into civilian life. This position will be demanding both physically and mentally as you learn and engage in agricultural projects. Agricultural projects will include hydroponics, traditional row crops, and animal husbandry. All VetCorps members will receive both personal and professional development training in topics such as DBT Skills, “whole health” lifestyle skills, hydroponics, and other agricultural trainings.

NFO VetCorps Farm Hand is an AmeriCorps position requiring a minimum of 1200 hours of service. Upon completion of service, members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,266.50

Responsibilities Include:

- Ensures Safety Procedures are followed on farm. Helps develop safety procedures for VetCorps Members.
- Ensures accountability of Tools and Equipment are properly returned after use and is in proper working condition
- Ensure buildings are kept in a safe working condition
- Checks fences on a regular basis to ensure that they are functioning, and all necessary maintenance is completed.
- Livestock management and rotation of animals
- Helps develop a planting and harvesting schedule for all crops with crew members to ensure that all vendors receive produce on time.
- Daily farm maintenance
- Daily & Weekly communication and planning working with VetCorps Staff and VetCorps Crew Leaders.
- Rotating weekend duties to ensure that plants and animals are taken care of
- Participation in community events that may be outside of normal hours

VetCorps members may be offered an opportunity to help others during a natural disaster, if called upon.

Qualifications

- Armed Forces Veteran; or immediate family member related by blood, marriage, or adoption of an Armed Forces Veteran
- Commitment to the entire season (September 2019 - August 2020)
- Lift of move up to 50 pounds occasionally, up to 20 pounds frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds constantly
- Insurable driving record, the ability to operate a motor vehicle, and a valid driver’s license
- Work outdoors in all weather conditions
- High School Diploma, GED, or enrolled in a GED program
- Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions

For more information on the position contact elizabeth@notforgottenoureach.org