

AFNHA AmeriCorps 2019 / 2020 Positions Available

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Please read through the general recruiting information first for information about our program. Then, submit your application **and** email a cover letter to apply. You will get the chance to select the specific position(s) you are interested in during the recruitment/interview process – use this list for descriptions of the options. The list posted on the website might not be most current -- If there have been changes to what sites are available, you will get the latest information before your interview.

Positions are filled on a rolling basis. We are actively interviewing now, so to be considered, follow through quickly with your application.

NOTE: Some early applicants may have a delay before site interviews, as some sites prefer to wait and interview several applicants at once. Be patient, and stay in touch with us if you are not contacted for site interviews.

Any positions not filled by our September 5 start date will continue to be available until filled, with late start dates negotiated individually.

Conservation Positions – Environmental Stewardship

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Conservation positions are all full-time positions with agency or non-profit sites. Most will expect a conservation related degree or experience. Many positions include both field work and outreach, though the proportion of each and actual activities will differ. Even strongly field-based positions will be mostly office work during the winter. All positions will include some volunteer management.

Community Positions – Cultural Heritage and Tourism

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Community and cultural heritage positions are assignments with agencies or non-profits. Members are generally full time, although a few positions combine service with two different organizations. Community development positions may be with Main Street or similar community development organizations. Cultural tourism and arts networking positions may focus on artisan networking, heritage tourism, or cultural events. Heritage positions include museums and collections projects, archaeology and interpretation. All positions will include some volunteer management and capacity building, and some positions involve weekend commitments. While program relevant degrees are sought for many of the positions, for others, good communication skills and good attitude are more important than your type of degree.

Crossover positions

Categories of positions are fluid, with some fitting multiple categories. Some positions include significant elements of both conservation and community heritage service activities. Read the descriptions carefully that are specific to each position, and ask questions to learn more about what you are interested in.

Historic Preservation Hands On Team

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Small team works together on a variety of historic preservation construction projects on historic community buildings, with also some conservation projects. Historic preservation background and/or construction experience helpful.

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Conservation Positions – Environmental Stewardship, Field Work and Outreach

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Appalachian Conservation Office, - White Sulphur Springs, WV 2 positions
Supervisor, Callie McMunigal

The Appalachian Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in White Sulphur Springs is seeking two competent, motivated, and fun individuals to join our staff as AmeriCorps Members. We are a small office located at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery. These positions will be assisting our Partnership for Fish and Wildlife Program that works with private landowners to conserve habitat for endangered species. The AmeriCorps positions will assist with our conservation and outreach / education activities for endangered species such as the candy darter. They will also assist local watershed association groups. There may also be opportunities to assist the hatchery and learn about the captive propagation of various native species.

White Sulphur Springs is in the middle of the beautiful Greenbrier Valley of West Virginia. The region affords excellent four season outdoor recreational opportunities. The area is noted for its hiking, mountain biking, motorcycle touring, hunting, fishing, and skiing. Fishing opportunities abound for native brookies, stocked trout, and smallmouth bass and you can wet a line year round in the Mountain State. We also have excellent birding and wildflower viewing.

The central Appalachian Mountains contain some of the most diverse plant and animal assemblages in the US. As one might expect with this incredible diversity we have a number of listed species, including several endemics. Our resource issues include mountain-top mining, wind-power development, and Marcellus gas development/FERC pipelines. You will not be bored!

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge - Davis WV 2 positions
Supervisor, Dawn Washington

Serve a year in an ecosystem called "Little Canada." Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge is looking for 2 members to serve in a lush deciduous rainforest in the highlands of W.V. This position focuses on wildlife with a wide variety of biological studies duties including monitoring of bats, vernal pools, beaver dams, water quality, threatened and endangered native species, and non-native invasive plant species. Monitoring includes field surveys and the GIS and data duties related to these studies. Members help organize and participate in tree planting and public lands improvement projects. In addition, members conduct outreach events, manage volunteers, help with visitor services, events and school group activities, and provide interpretive walks about the Refuge. Conservation degree with some field work experience expected. Submit resume in addition to other application materials. Love where you live and join our team in Canaan Valley, WV!

WV Division of Forestry, Forestry Aide - Buckhannon, WV
Supervisor, Travis Miller

Help improve West Virginia State Forests while learning forestry skills and increasing public engagement. The AFHA AmeriCorps Forestry Aide will help improve forest health and increase monitoring and management activities on WV State Forests across the AFHA region. Activities will focus on direct fieldwork including non-native invasive species control and forestry fieldwork to improve and manage state forests. The member will also assist with raising public awareness and interpretation about state forests and forestry issues, including developing signs and brochures, and with engaging volunteers in forest improvement projects. The position will be based in Buckhannon, West Virginia, with extensive field work across the area. A forestry, conservation, or natural resources background is desirable. This position will give the member the opportunity to learn and gain experience in forest management.

The Nature Conservancy – Elkins, WV

2 positions

Supervisor, Todd Miller

Serve with The Nature Conservancy to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. These two members will serve as a team on three types of activities -- stewardship of our conservation easements and preserves, coordinating volunteer efforts, and developing local wildlife conservation action plans. Applicants will need background in a conservation field, GIS familiarity, technical writing, and ability to work with people, as well as ability to work long hours in the field on difficult terrain.

Trout Unlimited – Thomas, WV

Supervisor, Dustin Wichterman

Help raise awareness and protect streams! The Trout Unlimited AFHA AmeriCorps position known as the West Virginia Restoration and Monitoring Organizer will focus on promoting awareness of restoration activities available to TU grassroots through presentations to local TU chapters, TU council, partners, and media. Brook trout habitat and clean water restoration projects are the major goals in this full year position with Trout Unlimited. This member will engage people in organized field trips including providing water quality survey and tree planting activities and temperature and water quality tests. The purpose of the position is to promote regional awareness of conservation activities and to engage volunteers in conservation projects that restore in-stream and riparian habitat in the Potomac and Greenbrier River headwaters. Volunteer management is also a large portion of this position, as well as education and outreach, in person and through blogs and social media. Imagine yourself taking volunteers out to beautiful creeks and teaching them about trout habitat and plant trees (many, many trees), then join us at AFNHA AmeriCorps!

Eastern Biochar & Environmental Outreach Coordinator – Wardensville / Moorefield

Supervisor, Tina Metzger

This position will be on the frontlines to bring environmental stewardship to the region through educational and interpretive programs, green technology improvements, biochar initiatives, watershed improvements. Few green technology solutions have the potential to turn waste products into energy while at the same time creating a value-added product. This Mid-Atlantic Biochar Initiative is just such an opportunity. This project addresses the issue of the overabundance of chicken manure and biomass waste by converting it into biochar, a charcoal-like material with multiple beneficial qualities. The development of this biochar initiative has the capacity to be world-changing, particularly for the production of energy, waste repurposing, soil health, environmental remediation, storm water quality and quantity management, agricultural waste management and in carbon products and crediting. This position will continue the outreach and development of biochar to move a waste product out of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. This position may also serve along with Eastern Heritage Outreach Coordinator (see community list) to develop and promote outdoor and environmental tourism opportunities.

Monongahela National Forest, North Zone Recreation - Petersburg and Seneca Rocks, WV

Supervisor, Brooke Andrew

Spend a year on the Mon! The North Zone of the Monongahela National Forest seeks a hardworking, creative candidate to assist in recruiting and organizing volunteers, to teach local children lifelong skills related to natural resources, and to present interpretive programs to visitors of all ages. The experience will frequently bring you out of the office and into local classrooms, on the trails, or to the wonderful Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. This visitor center is one of many attractions the northern half of the Monongahela has to offer including Spruce Knob (the highest point in WV), the rock climbing destination known as Seneca Rocks, five Wildernesses, and many more. The Mountain State is calling you. See what it has to offer!

Monongahela National Forest, Bartow Watershed - Bartow, WV

Supervisor, Chad Landress

Do you love to teach the public of the beauty and importance of brook trout, macroinvertebrates, and watershed restoration? Come serve a year with the Monongahela National Forest Watershed team, focusing on outreach and education, with opportunities to be involved with habitat restoration and stream monitoring. A large component of this position will be building upon an established snorkel outreach program to engage youth with stream ecology, fisheries, and watershed health. Additional education and outreach activities will be abundant and include working with school groups, Forest Service events, envirothons, and other public presentations. Planning and orchestrating these events is a critical component of a successful candidate and opportunities to develop social media and manage volunteers are plentiful.

Restoration and monitoring projects to which the member will be exposed, and potentially involved in, include stream habitat restoration, riparian tree planting, aquatic organism passage improvement (culvert replacement) and road decommissioning to restore watershed hydrology, as well as various monitoring and research activities. Data entry and GIS mapping are also likely components of the position.

Based in rural Bartow, WV, this position is looking for a self-starting individual with a watershed, fisheries, or conservation degree, willing to get involved in the community and restore the landscape at the same time. Low-cost housing may be available.

Monongahela National Forest, Restoration - Marlinton, WV

Supervisor, Amy Coleman

Do you want to help restore ecosystems throughout the central Appalachians? Do you want to teach youth about important forest conservation issues? Then this position is for you! The Monongahela National Forest is looking for a motivated AmeriCorps member to collaborate with a variety of partners on landscape-level ecosystem restoration projects including the newly formed Rivers and Gorges Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area. This position will serve in support of the Monongahela National Forest's Ecology and Botany Program with an emphasis on native plant material development, red spruce planting, non-native invasive species control, and education and outreach events.

The ideal candidate for this position would have a knowledge of West Virginia flora, experience with GPS/GIS, and the ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions for extended periods of time. The position will be based in Marlinton, West Virginia. Low cost housing may be available.

Monongahela National Forest – Partnerships & Community Outreach Marlinton, WV

Supervisor, Cindy Sandeno

This dynamic position will focus heavily on volunteer outreach and community partnerships. Currently the Marlinton Ranger District is participating in an exciting effort to build new partnerships within and around Marlinton through recreation, and this position will play an instrumental part in this. While most of these partnerships will be recreation focused, there will be opportunities to explore other focus areas. Mountain biking, hiking, bird watching, and fishing are just a few of the popular recreational activities in the area. The member will also help develop visitor information such as kiosks and interpretive displays while engaging the public through events and volunteer work day opportunities. The best candidate will have experience with GPS/GIS, outreach experience, data entry, and a general knowledge of natural resources. The member should be willing to work together in small team and live in a small rural community. Low-cost housing may be available. If you have a passion for outdoor recreation and developing partnerships, this position is for you!

Monongahela National Forest, Richwood – Partnerships and Community Capacity Building

Supervisor, Jane Bard

Interested in an opportunity for a year of meaningful work, while you live near epic West Virginia adventure destinations for rafting, climbing, hiking, backpacking, biking, fishing and skiing? You'll have the Cranberry almost at your back door while you work at the Gauley Ranger District in Richwood. The Resource Liaison position offers you the chance to interact with community innovators throughout the state of WV who are working to make towns like Richwood better places to live, work and enjoy life. You will be connecting people to the rich history and resources of the forest that surrounds them.

There are three focus areas for this position: Support connections with the town of Richwood including extending Monongahela National Forest Centennial events to the Richwood area, work with Trout Unlimited and others on watershed surveys and fishing map, and increase healthy use of trails. The means to achieve these goals are already in place, in that FS employees are already participating in a variety of groups and events both on and off forest. Check out #RichwoodRising. Community members and Forest Service employees will welcome your help and new ideas. You will have the chance to enhance public appreciation for their national forest and its resources and history during the Centennial of its establishment, and work with a forest-wide team to understand and protect those resources.

Monongahela National Forest, Eco-Partnerships - Elkins WV

Supervisor, Julie Fosbender

The Monongahela National Forest is looking for a self-starting individual ready to serve a year collaborating with partners on large scale ecosystem projects, specifically for red spruce restoration and non-native invasive species education and eradication in the highlands of West Virginia. Other duties include, volunteer management for events and lots of education and outreach including engaging young citizen scientists. Are you comfortable communicating with many organizations? Are you ready to share you love of the outdoors to inspire a new generation of environmental activists? This position is for you!

Community Positions – Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development

Monongahela National Forest, Centennial Celebration - Elkins WV

Supervisor, Julie Fosbender

The Monongahela National Forest turns 100 in 2020 and we need your help and leadership to help celebrate it! The Centennial AmeriCorps will work closely with Forest Public Affairs and Heritage staff to build on planning efforts begun in 2018-19 and then implement a forest-wide celebration in 2020. Activities could include collecting and cataloging images and stories for exhibits, webpages, etc.; creating forest webpages about the history of Monongahela; researching, designing and fabricating Monongahela 100 traveling exhibits for public spaces around the forest and state (libraries, county commission offices, visitor centers, CVBs, etc.); organizing partner and volunteer events -- like "Pull 100 bags of garlic mustard for the Mon Forest's 100!" or other restoration activities on National Forest land; and developing and leading conservation education and school programs about restoration and the wise use of natural resources that use the Monongahela as an example. You may also be asked to help the Forest's efforts to promote gateway communities and forest-wide recreation. Your year of service would result in increased public awareness, engagement and volunteerism, and contribute to building relationships and partnerships. Let us help you build your community organizing skills while you help us celebrate the Mon Forest's 100!

Monongahela National Forest, Heritage Associate - Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Gavin Hale

Budding archaeologists, we want you! Serve a year with the Heritage Program Manager at the Monongahela National Forest! MNF Heritage Program is looking for a hardworking, self-starting individual ready to dive into a multi-faceted position. Duties include archaeological assessments and field work, historic preservation projects, GIS updates, collections management, and tribal relationships. This position includes training and experience in everything you can imagine!

Anthropology or archaeology background expected. The member will use archaeological tools, maps, computers, office equipment, cameras, and GIS applications and will have the opportunity to learn multiple aspects of the Heritage Program responsibilities. The work includes hiking 1 to 3 miles to site locations in rough, uneven terrain, standing, bending, carrying, and lifting, and working outside in a variety of weather conditions.

Monongahela National Forest, Heritage & Recreation Associate - Elkins WV

Supervisor, Gavin Hale

This position has it all! The Monongahela National Forest is looking for an individual willing and able to complete projects in heritage, archaeology, and recreation focusing on the Greenbrier Ranger District. Projects may include historic preservation projects, archaeology, and interpretation creating signs and leading interpretive programs.

Other duties include GPS/GIS, volunteer management and event planning. The position will also help improve recreational opportunities through cultural tourism, plus volunteer management including fieldwork days, youth engagement, and training volunteers to lead guided hikes.

The best candidate for this position would have experience with GPS/GIS, understanding of interpretive programming, and a general knowledge of natural and historic resources. Since this position is supervised by the Heritage Program Manager, it will be based in Elkins, WV with travel to Bartow, WV for projects. Serve outside, serve with community members, serve completing heritage projects in the mountains of W.V.!

Elkins Main Street – Elkins

Supervisor, Madalyn Humphrey

Help Elkins Main Street in their mission “to grow the vibrant downtown experience and environment” to benefit the Elkins community. Program activities are aligned with the National Main Street Center’s 4-point approach focusing on Design, Economic Vitality, Organization, and Promotion. Main Street works with downtown businesses and volunteers to promote downtown Elkins as a destination for visitors and local residents by hosting events and sponsoring projects that engage the community, improve downtown appearance, and support economic development to foster sustainable growth and vitality. The AmeriCorps member serving Elkins Main Street provides assistance in all areas, with emphasis on outreach to the community, including written communication and personal engagement; volunteer recruitment and management. Member will assist with events and with downtown improvement projects.

This position will give great experience for professional development in communications or community development fields. Qualified candidates will possess excellent organization, communication, and people skills as well as proficiency in Microsoft Office Suites. Experience with WordPress is desirable but not essential.

Elkins Depot Welcome Center - Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Anne Beardslee

The Elkins Depot Welcome Center educates visitors and community members in regards to cultural heritage and community development through use of heritage tourism, offering hospitality and promoting local businesses and attractions. Opening in 2006 and located in the restored historic Western Maryland Railway Depot, the Welcome Center serves over 44,000 visitors to the Elkins area each year by providing local and regional information. Position will improve heritage interpretation and tourism, build a stronger organization through recruitment and coordination of volunteers and enhance community development through tourism activities. Through social media, events and web presence the goal is to increase the number of people that learn about and visit the Welcome Center and Randolph County throughout the year and enhance the service visitors receive. Member will become an integral part of the Center, will make suggestions for changes and participate in all major Center activities and day-to-day operation of the facility.

Mountain Arts District – Elkins

Supervisor, Pat Schoonover

Join a team of volunteers working to promote the arts as a regional, economic driver for tourism while improving the cultural life of local residents. Mountain Arts District (MAD) is laying the groundwork for increased focus on the arts to transform the district into an arts destination. Creating the infrastructure for this to happen involves an online directory of artists, art venues and a calendar of art events throughout a five county area. Through the social media presence, MAD also educates and gives the public artistic experiences. In addition, the MAD team coordinates a class at least once a year for artist entrepreneurs. Creating an artistic environment through public art is a goal as well. The AmeriCorps member will be involved with all of these and other projects with volunteers, while having a focus on managing the website and social media.

ArtSpring - Thomas, WV

Supervisor, Jen Iskow

Help celebrate the arts with ArtSpring , in its continued growth from a small weekend Festival to a year-round organization growing the arts and art tourism in eclectic Tucker County, WV. The ArtSpring AmeriCorps Member will serve as Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, helping us to reach the targets of our mission at all levels: serving artist populations and the public good, reaching underserved communities, improving our organizational communications, refining and coordinating our marketing efforts, and partnering with organizations in the region. In return for Member service in addressing such developments, we offer a willing Board, a welcoming community, and a rewarding experience in arts leadership in Tucker County. Such is our training ground for a bright young person looking for professional growth and meaningful service.

Eastern Heritage Outreach Coordinator Potomac Highlands -- Wardensville / Moorefield

Supervisor, Tina Metzger

This position will continue the outreach and development efforts in Potomac Highlands Regional Tourism as well as serve as the primary contact to County Convention and Visitor's Centers in the 8-county region of Mineral, Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Tucker, Randolph, Pocahontas, and Pendleton. This position will continue to work and build an Arts and Tourism Steering Committee for the region in order for the work to be sustainable.

This position will develop and promote heritage tourism and community development by assisting in the preservation, enhancement, and promotion of heritage and cultural attractions in the region. A focus will be on agriculture, food and forest heritage, including development of Food and Culture Clusters. An essential component will be to foster regional cooperation and the development of clustering activities and events.

Arthurdale Heritage - Arthurdale, WV

Supervisor, Darlene Bolyard

2 positions

Help us preserve the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt's little village! Arthurdale was the nation's first New Deal Community, established in 1934 thanks to the support and dedication of Mrs. Roosevelt. We are looking for two self-motivated, outgoing, flexible team members who want to help improve our community and organization. Both members will experience the full range of museum operations, provide visitor services and give museum tours. Assigned projects may focus on museum development, collections management, oral history, programming, events, and outreach.

We offer our AmeriCorps members free housing in one of our lovely, fully restored museum houses! Arthurdale Heritage is located about 20 miles from Morgantown, which is a progressive small city and the home of West Virginia University. If you are a friendly, outgoing, self starter looking for a place to truly make a difference, then AHI is for you! Want to find out what it is like to serve here? Email our current AmeriCorps members at: americorps@arthurdaleheritage.org Thank you for considering being a part of the Arthurdale Heritage team!

West Virginia Railroad Museum - Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Ed Griesel

Create a whole museum display for rail enthusiasts! Each year the West Virginia Railroad Museum rotates a new exhibit in the restored Darden Mill adjacent to the previous Western Maryland Railway yards in Elkins, WV. This member will serve with museum volunteers in creating and implementing the 2020 exhibit. Member also has primary responsibility for museum operations during tourist season, including managing volunteer docents. The position provides promotion and outreach to raise awareness of railroad heritage, and organization support and capacity building.

Exhibit design experience and skill or willingness to learn graphic design (InDesign preferred) will be needed. Background or interest in railroads and rail history highly desirable. Substantial weekend duties for tourist season.

Greenbrier Historical Society – Lewisburg, WV

Supervisor, Nora Venezky Executive Director

Join the professional team with the Greenbrier Historical Society and their North House Museum, which houses extensive collections and archives of county history. Gain experience in museum operations including archives and collections management, interpretation and exhibits, visitor services and giving tours, and promotion. The AmeriCorps will primarily be responsible for assisting in our Archive with organizing, documenting, digitizing, as well as guiding volunteers and assisting with research inquires. The AmeriCorps member will also assist with educational programming, give tours of the museum as necessary, and assist with exhibits. The AmeriCorps member will also work with our Museum Associate on Social Media communications.

Museum studies or local history interest are recommended for this position, plus familiarity with or willing to learn Past Perfect Museum software. The position will give an overview of museum management, help the member gain experience in areas that interest them, and allow them to develop a portfolio with examples of their work.

Beverly Heritage Center Programming & Preservation - Beverly, WV

2 positions

Supervisor, Christopher Taylor

Experience the full range of historic site operations at the Beverly Heritage Center. This museum and visitor center located 6 miles from Elkins in the small town of Beverly, the original county seat of Randolph County, combines four historic buildings, and interprets regional, local, and Civil War heritage. Members will serve in a small team with one staff member and dedicated volunteers. Specific assignments for each position can be adjusted depending on member interest.

Museum activities will include collections management, exhibit improvements, visitor services, and special events with occasional living history and period dress opportunities. Members will assist with volunteer management, capacity building, and will participate as active member of the organization. Operating partner Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation manages the nearby Civil War battlefield site and interprets regional Civil War history. Operating partner Historic Beverly Preservation and Beverly ON TRAC work throughout the community on heritage tourism and redevelopment projects.

Full-time Programming member will help develop new and expanded museum and event programming, including school programs, tours, workshops, and visitor engagement activities.

Full-time Preservation member will help with preservation and maintenance activities for BHC and partner organization historic properties, as well as with historic preservation awareness.

While a public history, museum studies, or historic preservation background is helpful, skills in communication, marketing, interpretation, or community engagement are also important. Will have significant weekend service.

Appalachian Forest NHA Tourism Associate, Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Phyllis Baxter

Feature the exciting diversity of AFNHA tourism sites through development of on-line thematic tour maps. This position will develop story map thematic tour products using ESRI ArcGIS Story Maps platform. Each tour being implemented involves identifying sites to include that are related to the theme, coordinating with each site to develop and confirm site information and images, then map and post the information using Story Maps. See appalachianforest.us/visit for a pilot example of this product. Work with tourism sites to gather their information and engage them as active partners in AFHA. Participate in our National Heritage Area management planning process, and provide mapping assistance for the new plan. Working with the AFNHA Museum and Planning members, improve AFNHA volunteer management, visitor services and exhibit development, outreach and communications including social media and e-newsletter.

GIS familiarity is key, with Story Map experience a plus. We are looking for enthusiastic member who is familiar with – or interested in learning about – our region, including talking with people and site visits around the area.

Appalachian Forest Discovery Center Museum Position, Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Phyllis Baxter

Tell the story of forest heritage in the AFNHA by developing your own exhibit in the Appalachian Forest Discovery Center. Located in the Darden Mill in Elkins, this museum first opened in May 2014, featuring a permanent exhibit about AFNHA themes, and a different rotating exhibit each year. This member will develop the 2020 seasonal exhibit, starting with selecting the actual topic, possibly connected with 100th Anniversary of the Monongahela National Forest or another topic within our themes. Develop the exhibit through research, writing, finding images and display materials, designing, and constructing the exhibit. Graphic design skills are strongly recommended, but if that is not your strong suit we can bring in design help. The important part is telling the story in an interesting, interpretive, and compelling way.

The member will also be responsible for museum visitor services duties through the tourist season, as well as other AFNHA interpretation or programming projects. Working with the other AFNHA assigned members, improve AFNHA volunteer management and capacity building, tourism development including outreach to partner sites, communications including social media and e-newsletter, and participate in AFNHA planning.

Applicants should have interpretation and/or museum studies background, with graphic design (In Design) skill strongly recommended. Content area background related to exhibit topic will be helpful. Will include substantial weekend days during the tourist season.

Appalachian Forest NHA Planning Associate, Elkins, WV

Supervisor, Phyllis Baxter

Help AFNHA emerge as a National Heritage Area by providing key assistance in developing and drafting our National Heritage Area Management Plan. As a member of the core planning team you will be involved in the exciting process of public engagement, research, and visioning the future for our area. Duties will include helping collect, organize and share various types of data including public input notes and assets lists, research on assigned topics, developing handouts and information materials, and helping organize and draft sections of the plan.

Working with the other AFNHA assigned members, help with communications including social media and e-newsletter, assist with tourism development including visitor services and outreach to partner sites, and help improve AFNHA volunteer management and capacity.

Member needs to be organized and pay attention to detail, and also comfortable meeting people and assisting with public meetings. Strong communication and social media skills, good organization skills, and comfort with database and tech skills will be helpful. This member must be interested in talking with people, including participation in public meetings and site visits around the area.

Randolph County Museum - Beverly WV

1/2 time shared with another site

Supervisor, Carolyn Channell

For Randolph County Museum, collections management will be the primary focus. The Randolph County Museum is an artifact- rich county history museum located in a historic building in Beverly, and operated by the Randolph County Historical Society. The museum has a wealth of artifacts, and the Society badly needs help in updating the registration and care of items, as well as with exhibit updates. The Society also is working to increase membership and programming and member will help with capacity building, communications including newsletters and website, and will assist summer visitors at the museum, including substantial weekend hours during the season. Museum studies or collection experience needed, familiarity with or interested in learning Past Perfect software.

Mountain State Forest Festival – Elkins WV

½ time shared with RCM

Help with collections management and archiving of the history of West Virginia's largest festival, along with development of exhibits about this history of the Festival, and it's relationship to the Centennial of the Monongahela National Forest.

4-H Camp Pioneer - Beverly, WV

½ position, probably full-time for 6 months, starting in spring

Supervisor, Sarah Cunningham

With a mixture of community and heritage development activities, this position has it all. Spend your days at scenic 4-H Camp Pioneer in Beverly, WV, where we strive to “Make the Best Better.” This position will be responsible for planning, development, and implementation of the extension of an existing half-mile graveled walking trail. Miles of trail extension are possible in both open and wooded areas. In addition to growing and sustaining our trail system, the position will also work to create a museum exhibit area on the grounds of 4-H Camp Pioneer. 4-H camping has a rich history in Randolph County, as the first 4-H camp in the world was held here in 1915. The AmeriCorps member will work to preserve historical documents related to 4-H camping, 4-H club work, and other programs related to the 4-H program. This may also include collecting memorabilia and oral histories as well as planning heritage exhibits for display. This position will also be involved in youth activities held at camp, including 2 weeks of 4-H Camps, Randolph County Fair, and other events that involve education and promotion of Camp Pioneer within the community.

Upshur County Historical Society – Buckhannon, WV

½ time position

The Upshur County Historical Society was organized in 1926 and has been very active since 1983 perpetuating local and county history. They have three facilities, the History Center Museum, Document Repository, and the historic French Creek Presbyterian Church Building and fulfill their mission through preserving, publishing, programming, and providing a county research center and museum. They care for an artifact collection of approximately fifty thousand [some catalogued and others waiting to be processed] documents, photographs, and three dimensional artifacts, which are used continuously for research, exhibits, publications, and information sourcing for various projects, along with members and the general public research needs.

The member will work with established digital/electronic systems for collections management cataloging and processing artifacts into PastPerfect. Projects will include UCHS research files and original sources to compile content for the Upshur County Digital Encyclopedia project, and assisting with gathering other data to be included on the digital Upshur County Historic bibliography project. Member will be responsible for targeted posting of data and resources from the society’s projects onto social media avenues (Facebook and others), public outreach, journal research and writing, assisting with exhibit research and development, and assisting researchers who wish to access the archive. The AmeriCorps member for this position will need outstanding computer skills (preferably PastPerfect, social media, and data processing skills), a general history knowledge background, and good “people” skills for working with volunteers. Low cost shared housing opportunity might be available in Buckhannon.

Historic Preservation Hands On Team

Supervisor, Logan Smith

2 positions available

Team Members Full team consists of coordinator plus 3 team members -- Hands-On Team (HOT) members work as a team on a variety historic preservation community buildings and outdoor conservation projects doing primarily hands-on work. Tasks may include window repair, structural stabilization, reconstructing porches or other parts of structures, interior repair, painting, plaster repair, timber wall straightening and repair, site prep and cleanup, as well as archaeological excavation, site protection, trail building or landscape projects. Hands-on team members may also take on historic preservation planning, such as preparing reports on historic structures, needs assessments, or assisting building owners with reuse plans, or a heritage or interpretive project, depending on your interest and the tasks needed.

Experience or familiarity with construction and hand tools is required; members will receive training in specific skills. For HOT projects, members will often be working side by side with an experienced contractor or trainer such as HistoriCorps, and can learn on the job. All HOT members will do both construction and conservation tasks.

Members should be prepared for physically difficult and sometimes tedious work, as well as unpleasant or dirty working conditions (with appropriate safety equipment). You should be able to lift and carry up to 50 pounds, be able to wear a face mask, and climb a step ladder. Although there may be some office work, this team will continue hands-on work through the winter on interior projects. The team is based in Elkins, with periodic travel including several days at a time away for some projects. Applicants must be comfortable in a team, and understand and follow all safety precautions.

FILLED POSITIONS -- No longer open for 2019-20 term

WV Division of Forestry, Outreach Aide - Buckhannon, WV
Supervisor, Linda Carnell

1 position FILLED

Interact with the public to spread education and awareness about our State Forests and the importance of natural resources. The AFHA AmeriCorps Outreach Aide will help run outreach and education programs through the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Activities will include developing and presenting curriculums based on forest management and natural resources, and engaging with volunteers to increase our presence at events throughout the AFHA area. The member will also assist with social media and website updates to better inform the public of upcoming activities. The position will be based in Buckhannon, West Virginia, with extensive travel across the area. A forestry, conservation, or natural resources background is desirable. This position will give the member the opportunity to learn and gain experience in public outreach and environmental education.

PRO ON TRAC – Parsons, WV
Supervisor - Cynthia Kolsun

If one would like to help make a difference in a small, rural city in the mountains and work with friendly people who love their community, this is a great position. Some duties include: working with uplifting the community both physically and culturally, researching grants, and carrying out projects and services in the areas of community heritage, arts, community development, among others. A creative, innovative, committed person would be welcomed to this position.

Hands On Team

Coordinator position filled; 1 team position filled

The Team Coordinator will serve with the team on all projects on site. Working with Supervisor, Team Coordinator will help communicate with sites, and help organize and schedule projects, making sure team has necessary tools and supplies for each project. Team Coordinator will coordinate with team to upload photos and reports to the google drive, and update Supervisor. Good communication is key and member will need to coordinate with supervisor and site representatives on projects i.e. weather, illnesses, contractor conflicts, scheduling issues, updating calendar, as well as serving on all projects.