



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON - AMERICORPS MEMBER  
SAFE ROUTES TO HEALTH AT MICHIGAN FITNESS FOUNDATION

<b>TITLE</b>	Community Engagement Liaison
<b>TERMS OF SERVICE</b>	01/09/2022 – 09/30/2023
<b>POSITION TYPE</b>	Part time; 900 hours
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Safe Routes to Health at Michigan Fitness Foundation
<b>SERVICE SITES</b>	Beaumont Health; GenesisHOPE; National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
<b>SERVICE LOCATION</b>	Dearborn, MI; Detroit, MI; Inkster, MI; Taylor, MI; Trenton, MI; Westland, MI; Wayne, MI

### **PURPOSE**

The Safe Routes to Health AmeriCorps program (SRTH) at Michigan Fitness Foundation connects Michiganders to health, wellness, and physical activity resources in their communities. SRTH AmeriCorps members are placed statewide to increase capacity for health education and community outreach within their host sites.

### **POSITION SUMMARY**

Members serve as local champions in their community, promoting health, wellness, and physical activity to residents at all ages of life. Members do this by engaging in five program elements: planning and implementing nutrition education interventions inspired by national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) work, advancing local food systems, promoting active lifestyles, engaging communities through outreach, and supporting local COVID-19 responses. Each host site uses members in unique ways to address specific community needs. Additionally, members participate in two scheduled AmeriCorps days of service, trainings, team-building, and professional development.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

All the following functions and responsibilities are essential position functions subject to reasonable accommodations. This position description is not to be construed as an exhaustive statement of functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Individuals may be required to perform other position-related duties as requested by their supervisor.

- Connect community members to supportive environments for healthy eating and active living.



- Plan and facilitate nutrition education classes, food shopping skills programs, and physical activity events and programs.
- Promote community wellness at host site events, community events, and through social media outreach.
- Participate in program orientation, host site orientation, monthly team trainings, events, and both National and State service days as required.
- Document service activities according to program requirements including recording allowable service hours, submitting timesheets, and writing reflections and great stories.
- Distribute and collect sign-in sheets and/or surveys to participants during service according to program requirements.
- Recruit and train volunteers to support program activities and days of national service.
- Wear the provided AmeriCorps service gear while serving.
- Maintain a professional demeanor with host site supervisor, partners, and community members.
- Ability to work in a team setting, but also take the lead or work independently on certain projects.
- Willing to serve in a variety of locations and with diverse populations.
- Additional service projects aligned with the scope of normal service activities, as approved by the program director.

## **PEFERRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Interest in any of the following: health, nutrition, physical activity, education, parks and recreation, youth and senior engagement, event planning, and/or health equity and diversity.
- Dedication to and enjoyment of community service.
- Oral and written communication skills.
- Basic computer skills, including the ability to navigate social media and Office 365.
- Ability to generate strong results with limited supervision.
- Planning, organizational, and time-management skills.
- Volunteer recruitment and management.
- Capacity to be flexible and adaptable to varied circumstances.
- Drive to be productive and follow through with assigned tasks.
- Willingness to learn and attend all AmeriCorps trainings.
- Access to reliable transportation.
- Ability/willingness to travel to varying locations within the service region.
- Public speaking.
- Self-directed and motivated.
- Flexibility with program dissemination as it relates to permitted social activities.
- Lead physical activity demonstrations.



- Service involves sitting at a desk, traveling to community locations for events, sometime outside at events.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be:

- At least 18 years of age at the start of service.
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent or agree to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to utilizing the education award.
- Pass a national service criminal history check.

## BENEFITS

- Living allowance of \$10,584 distributed bimonthly.
- Education award of \$3,247.50, contingent upon successful completion of the program.
- Student loan forbearance & interest accrual payment on eligible student loans.
- AmeriCorps Member Assistance Program (MAP) for quality counseling and coaching.
- Practical training, marketable skills training, and professional development for increased employability.

## APPLICATION DUE DATE:

Please complete the member application for your desired host site:

[saferoutestohealth.org/join-us/become-a-member](https://saferoutestohealth.org/join-us/become-a-member), and email a resume and cover letter to Callie Zimmerman: [czimmerman@michiganfitness.org](mailto:czimmerman@michiganfitness.org).

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