

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Employment Opportunity for Students

Several AmeriCorps positions are available in a social service agency (LSSI) located in Marion, Illinois. **AmeriCorps** is a civil society program engaging adults in public service work with a goal of "helping others and meeting critical needs in the community." Members commit to part-time positions offered by a network of nonprofit community organizations. The program is often seen as a domestic Peace Corps.

The LSSI PFM Program assists returning citizens to reenter society by offering assistance in their daily needs: work, shelter, food, clothing, and medical needs. These returning citizens enroll in Employment Skills School where they learn how to get and keep a job, be successful in a job interview, build a resume, manage their finances, and develop their computer skills. Case managers connect clients to resources for all aspects of their daily living. In addition, the GRO (Green Reentry Opportunity) Program teaches participants how to produce fresh herbs and vegetables in an organic garden that are harvested and donated to homeless shelters, food pantries, and housing programs through LSSI.

AmeriCorps employment at LSSI is part time. A one-year commitment of 900 hours is required at a rate of \$400 (Stipend) per month. After a successful one-year commitment, the employee/student receives a \$2,800 educational award on their SIUC Bursar bill; they must be currently enrolled. If the employee/student applies and is employed for another year with AmeriCorps, they are eligible for another \$2,800 educational award.

If you are interested in gaining experience in training adults, developing curriculum, practicing case management, and conducting outreach activities, these AmeriCorps positions are an excellent resumé builder. Several Workforce Education and Development students have been hired for regular positions in nonprofit organizations as a result of their AmeriCorps experiences.

To apply for one of these positions,

- Go to [My AmeriCorps.gov](http://MyAmeriCorps.gov)
- Under "My AmeriCorps – create an account"
- Log In – Fill out application
- Under "Quick Search", provide this information:
 - Program Type: AmeriCorps State/National
 - State: Illinois
 - Program Name: LSSI
- Click on LSSI – PFM
- Click on "Apply Now"

For specific information on the positions, contact Darla Davis at darla.davis@lssi.org