

# Big Sky Watershed Corps

## 2023 Position Announcement

### Who We Are

We're passionate about the land and water and work hard to make sure it's healthy and available for future generations. The Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Program is designed to meet these goals by placing young professionals with partners throughout Montana. The program works with nearly one hundred different partners (host sites) including federal/state agencies, Tribal Nations, Conservation Districts, nonprofits, and other community-based conservation organizations to create community-based initiatives to protect, preserve and restore local watersheds.

The program is an AmeriCorps program and offered through a partnership of [Montana Conservation Corps](#), [Montana Watershed Coordination Council](#) and [Montana Association of Conservation Districts](#).

### The BSWC - AmeriCorps Member Opportunity

The BSWC program is seeking passionate individuals who are looking to gain experience in the natural resources while making a measurable impact in communities throughout Montana. If you are interested in project design and implementation, community outreach and education, volunteer generation and management: we want to hear from you!

### Primary duties of the BSWC Member include:

- Assist host site staff in the development and implementation of watershed-related plans and reports.
- Perform watershed-related field collections and monitoring.
- Recruit and manage volunteers on field and service projects; ensure participant safety on all projects.
- Develop materials (brochures, posters, PowerPoint slides) to use in community presentations.
- Conduct educational community outreach.
- Coordinate with schools and/or youth groups to develop educational class and/or field projects.
- Complete and submit required program reports in a timely manner.
- Support with grant applications and reporting.

### Program Benefits

- Multiple program trainings in topics such as GIS, community outreach & education, surface water collection and monitoring, irrigation structures, mesic restoration, data management and grant writing/management.
- Opportunities to network with and shadow experts in the natural resource profession.
- Supportive coaching staff invested in your success.
- Community and connection with other program participants.
- Free access to mental health counseling, medical advocacy, financial assistance, legal assistance, and life coaching.



- Health insurance provided at no cost to you.
- An education award of \$6,945 upon successful completion of the program.
- Biweekly living stipend of \$800

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- U.S. citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien.
- College degree (B.A./B.S.), preferably in a natural resource related field.
- Valid driver’s license, ability to pass a motor vehicle records check, and ability to provide personal transportation to worksites, housing and trainings.
- Committed to completing full term length: 1/9/2023 - 11/17/2023.

**Desired Experience:**

- Previous watershed-related experience, including fieldwork, data collection and analysis, or plan development.
- Previous teaching or volunteer management experience.
- Ability to work with and build consensus among diverse stakeholders.
- Open and adaptable to new environments, different perspectives and rural communities.

The BSWC program term dates are **January 9<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Position interviews will begin the last week of August.

MCC seeks to provide access and opportunity to a diverse group of staff and participants, while continuing to identify and reduce barriers to being involved in our organization and programs. We encourage applicants of all backgrounds to apply.

If you require reasonable accommodation in completing an application, interviewing, or otherwise participating in the employee selection process, please direct your inquiries to [ipprograms@mtcorps.org](mailto:ipprograms@mtcorps.org).

**APPLICATION & MORE INFO AT:** <https://www.mtcorps.org/joinmcc/individual-placement-programs/big-sky-watershed-corps.html>

*While this position description describes the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this position, it is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required. All Montana Conservation Corps positions may be required to perform duties outside of their normal responsibilities.*

