

# AmeriCorps Year of Service at World Ocean School 2020-2021

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World Ocean School provides an authentic method of experiential education at sea that empowers students of diverse backgrounds to reach their full potential as responsible, productive, and engaged community members.

We do this through transformative experiences that provide:

- Transferable life skills and character development
  - Inspiration for academic and vocational advancement
  - Strong relationships with caring and responsible adults
  - A safe environment for learning
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The **Deckhand Educator** aboard *Roseway* is a **year-long commitment** to the **Crew Educator AmeriCorps Program** that provides a practicum in sail training, teaching at sea, and community-building with youth. As an AmeriCorps volunteer working and living aboard the historic Schooner *Roseway*, crew members receive exceptional benefits, along with making an impactful contribution to the world. The goal of this program is to train and support excellent maritime educators and role models for World Ocean School's (WOS) student programs aboard the Schooner *Roseway*..

The Crew Educator Program is a **12 month commitment that begins November 29, 2020 in St. Croix, Virgin Islands** where you will board *Roseway*. For two weeks you will work alongside former crew and WOS staff to learn the operation of the ship, as well as the WOS curriculum. During the winter months, programs for the Virgin Islands public schools will take place aboard, as well as some multi-day residential programs around the Virgin Islands. In late spring, the ship will voyage to Boston where *Roseway* undergoes her annual maintenance, where you will participate in the continued preservation of our historic ship. By late spring you'll be immersed in facilitating programs for Boston youth, including voyages along the coast of New England. Come fall, you will embark upon the Ocean Classroom semester from Boston to Puerto Rico. At the culmination of the fall voyage, *Roseway* returns to St. Croix where you begin training the new recruits who will learn from you, and ultimately take your place as Crew Educator AmeriCorps members.

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## DECKHAND EDUCATOR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES AND WOS EXPECTATIONS

Reporting to the mates or Program Manager, **Deckhand Educators** are the core of World Ocean School and the reason our programs are successful and impactful. This role requires the individual to balance the work of both a deckhand and an educator, molding the two together in sail training for World Ocean School's diverse demographic of students.

Individuals in this role provide our students with transformative life skills and character development, inspiration for academic and vocational advancement, strong relationships with caring and responsible adults and a safe environment for learning. Job includes all aspects of tall ship sailing both coastal and offshore, and requires an ability and desire to work with kids of all ages in both day and overnight programs.

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## SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- An interest in furthering the educational mission of the World Ocean School
- Self-awareness, knowing when to step forward or take a step back
- Willing to live by the rules and regulations aboard the ship
- Commitment to execution and follow through
- Energetic, flexible and adaptable to changing environments and schedules
- Able to model good behavior for students and serve as an educator
- Able to be an active member of a team
- Mature well-grounded sense of personal ethics, evident in the individual's integrity and responsibility—upholding the highest standards in public and personal relations
- Capable of representing the World Ocean School favorably

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

### *Off Program*

- Stand active watches when vessel is in port or at sea
- Participate in general operation of ship
- Take direction from Captain and Mate(s)
- Thoroughly participate in *Roseway* maintenance and upkeep
- Assist Program Coordinator in program preparation where needed

### *On Program*

- Stand active watches when vessel is in port or at sea
- Co-lead student groups with another deckhand, keeping WOS values at the forefront of leadership
- Teach lessons (relevant to onboard age group) from WOS Curriculum or personally developed lessons

## AMERICORPS AND WOS BENEFITS

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- Qualified student loan forbearance
- Scholarship funds for continuing education
- Health insurance
- Monthly stipend
- Room and board on *Roseway*
- Formal sail training
- USCG approved sea-time
- Lifelong friendships from around the globe
- Voyaging experience along the Atlantic Coast and Caribbean
- Experiential educator training
- Diversity and inclusion training
- Trauma-informed care training
- Crowd management training
- The opportunity to work with over 1,000 students from all over the globe

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Application Deadline: May 1, 2020

Start Date: November 29, 2020

Training: November 30 – December 11, 2020

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