



**Position Description for a Minimum-Time AmeriCorps Member
at the Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership (MBCP)
2026-2027**

The Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership (MBCP) is seeking a Minimum-Time AmeriCorps Member for the 2026-2027 service year.

MBCP is a decentralized organization in Maryland working to maintain and enhance native bird populations and the habitats they use by fostering partnerships with public and private entities and promoting community action. Our AmeriCorps member will help with our Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring Program. This is a community science program that documents success and productivity rates of Maryland's Bald Eagle nests, and is Maryland's sole source of eagle productivity data. This statewide program is especially significant to the Eastern Shore because the Chesapeake Bay region hosts the largest concentration of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states.

The main responsibilities of the member will include the following:

- Recruiting and coordinating volunteers to monitor Bald Eagle nests in Maryland
- Creating outreach and education materials for the revamped Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring Program
- Ensuring nest monitoring data from volunteers are entered promptly and accurately
- Applying volunteer recruiting and coordinating methods with positive results for the Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring Program to other MBCP bird monitoring programs as needed

Requirements for applicants include the following:

- Have a strong interest in serving the community
- Be able to relate to diverse populations
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Able to provide copy of either high school diploma, GED, or college transcript
- Have reliable transportation
- Must successfully pass a comprehensive Criminal History Check, which includes FBI fingerprinting
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or lawful permanent resident alien
- Applicants DO NOT need to be college students, anyone from the community who fits the above requirements may participate.

Benefits available to the AmeriCorps Member include:

- Valuable experience
- An education award of \$1,565 for future educational expenses or repayment of federal student loans - members who are age 55 or older may gift their ed. award to a child or grandchild
- Federal student loan forbearance while in service, with exemption from paying interest accrued during that time
- Access to AmeriCorps Alumni Network

The member will begin on or after August 15th, 2026 and must complete 300 hours by August 14th, 2027.

This position is offered through a partnership with ShoreCorps, the AmeriCorps program at Salisbury University. It is contingent upon federal funding and approval of the AmeriCorps office.

To fill out an application, visit www.salisbury.edu/americorps and click on 'Become a Member' and then 'Fill out an application.'

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