



**Position Description for Half-Time AmeriCorps Member
with United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore
2026-2027**

The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore (UWLES) is seeking a Half-Time AmeriCorps member for the 2026-2027 service year.

UWLES focuses on advancing health and wellness, educational success, and financial security for all Lower Shore residents. Fall 2026 begins their 82nd year of local service across Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

UWLES is the Volunteer Center for the Lower Shore and has other direct programs such as Imagination Library, Read to Succeed, ALICE initiative, holiday outreach programs, and the Addiction Awareness Art Competition. Affinity groups (Women United, Emerging Leaders, and Student United Way) offer engagement and volunteer opportunities for anyone wanting to get involved. UWLES collaborates with PACE/SU and Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for the annual Lower Shore Nonprofit Summit and provides other professional development and capacity building opportunities for local nonprofits. UWLES' impact is extended through funding and support for about 40+ nonprofit partners annually.

The member would support both the Community Impact and Development teams.

Member Responsibilities:

- Provide support and outreach for the Get Connected Volunteer Center to include:
 - promoting nonprofit and public use of the free volunteer connection website to advance regional volunteerism
 - providing training for nonprofits on the site's volunteer management tools
 - supporting community-wide volunteer events, such as the Maryland Folk Festival and the Governor's annual month of service initiative in January 2026.
 - assisting with social media and/or marketing projects related to volunteerism
- Provide support and outreach at community events for other direct programs such as Imagination Library, affinity groups, reading programs and resource connections
- Perform data analysis for impact assessment
- Provide support for affinity group volunteering and events
- Provide support for UWLES fundraising and donor/volunteer recognition events/outreach
- Additional projects and team support will be available based on interests and skills.

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
- Be available to attend the free, AmeriCorps class at SU alternate Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., during the Fall and Spring semesters.
- 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:

- Valuable experience
- A bi-weekly stipend of \$562
- An education award of \$3,697 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
- 8 tuition-free credits at Salisbury University for completion of training course
- Access to AmeriCorps Alumni Network
- Provided by UWLES - Reimbursement at standard mileage rate for local work-related travel

Member's hours will mostly be served during typical office hours, which are 8:30-5:00 M-F. However, some evening and/or weekend hours may be requested for events or community outreach. Member's schedule will be based on their availability. Flexibility will be provided when evening/weekend help is needed. The UWLES office is located at 803. N. Salisbury Blvd, Suite 2100, Salisbury, MD 21801.

For more information on UWLES, please visit online: www.uwles.org, FB @uwles, Instagram @unitedwayles, LinkedIn @uwles, Twitter @UNITEDWAY_LES.

Member will begin on or after August 15th, 2026, and must complete 900 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.'

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs, made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement. Members commit their time to address critical community needs. Similar to the Military or the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps is another form of service to our country. The mission of AmeriCorps is to make our people safer, stronger, and healthier; to strengthen our communities; and to Get Things Done for America. Our program, ShoreCorps, is one of hundreds of AmeriCorps programs nationwide. To learn more about AmeriCorps
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps>

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