

Position title

Elementary or Preschool Literacy Tutor

Description of positions

How to launch your dream career: Change the world.

“Socially relevant.” “Professional experience.” “Meaningful.” “Powerful.” “A great year.” This is how Reading Corps members have described their service as literacy tutors. Reading Corps tutors will impact 20,000 kids’ lives in 2011-12 alone. They work with students to help them achieve reading proficiency benchmarks critical for lifelong success. All while building valuable professional experience.

Launch your career while making a difference as a Minnesota Reading Corps literacy tutor! With plans to place 1,100 literacy tutors in preschools and elementary schools across the state, Reading Corps has grown to be the country’s largest state AmeriCorps program. As one of these tutors, you’ll use research-based methods during the school day to help students become successful readers by third grade.

During your eleven-month AmeriCorps service, you’ll receive extensive training, support and develop general professional skills. In addition, you’ll receive a modest living stipend, an education award of up to \$5,550 and other benefits if eligible.

Two positions are available: Elementary Literacy Tutor and Preschool Literacy Tutor. All tutors are assigned to one school and will be trained to provide proven, data-driven literacy models to at-risk children.

Elementary Literacy Tutors work one-on-one with K-3 children who need help learning to read. They use prescribed literacy interventions and conduct weekly progress monitoring to ensure the student is on track to read at grade level by the end of third grade. They are placed in elementary schools and commit to daytime hours.

Preschool Literacy Tutors are embedded into a classroom of children ages 3 to 5 to develop children’s early literacy skills in preparation for kindergarten. They collaborate with the classroom teaching staff to enhance daily literacy opportunities and conduct literacy assessments to ensure children are on track to read by the end of third grade. They are placed in preschools or Head Starts and commit to daytime hours.

Qualifications

- Strong interest in education, specifically helping children develop early language and literacy skills
 - Experience working with children, preferably in an early childhood setting or as a literacy tutor
 - Dedication to community service
- Computer skills, including the ability to navigate and use online database systems and e-mail

- Speak, read, and write English fluently
- Responsible, organized, flexible, motivated, professional
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to make a commitment to complete 11 months of service (August '12 – June 30, 2013)
- High school diploma or GED and must be at least 18-years-old U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident alien
- *Preferred:* College coursework, college degree, or equivalent work experience

How to apply

Positions for the 2012-13 school year begin in August. To read more about the program, including full position descriptions, and to apply, visit www.JoinReadingCorps.org. Questions? Contact recruitment@mnedc.org or 866-859-2825.

Compensation

AmeriCorps stipend. FT: Biweekly stipend of about \$500 and education award of \$5,550. PT: Biweekly stipend of about \$250 and education award of \$2,775.

Locations

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Bloomington, other metro suburbs, St. Cloud, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Moorhead, Mankato, Rochester and many rural locations across Minnesota. Over 500 site locations available.

Number of openings

1,100 statewide

Position type

Full time and part time professional or entry-level

Duration of position

August 2012 – June 30, 2013