



## **14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office – Adult Diversion Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) Program Guidelines**

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### **Program Purpose:**

Provide alternative intervention in the form of participation in, and exposure to, the RMYC model and mission, to adults 18-24 years of age. The program is intended to build life skills and provide positive inspiration through the RMYC Conservation Corps Crew Member experience, and thereby reduce recidivism. The mission of RMYC is the guiding principle of this program: "RMYC engages young people in the outdoors, inspiring them to use their strengths and potential to lead healthy, productive lives. We teach responsibility for self, community and environment through teamwork, service and experiential education." In the experience of this office, wilderness and team based experiential learning is an environment in which rehabilitation and inspiration are found and sustained.

### **Limitations**

These guidelines and this program do not create any right or entitlement to program access or participation.

### **Programmatic Restrictions**

Persons who are registered, or are required to be registered, on a state sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry, or who have been convicted of murder as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1111, due to limitations mandated by AmeriCorps, a partner of RMYC, are not eligible for the program at this time.

### **Program Requirements**

Acceptance into the program is dependent on RMYC approval and approval of the District Attorney's Office and may occur prior to or after any formal arrest or charging.

- Persons between and including the ages of 18-24, who committed an adult criminal offense and were full-time residents of the State of Colorado at the time of offense, are eligible for consideration.
- The duration of diversion will be determined on a case by case basis. The duration of the RMYC participation is between 8 and 19 weeks.
- Participants must cooperate fully with all RMYC organizational and program policies.

- Participants must provide their case manager with all information necessary to identify and provide effective services, including providing access to medical/mental health, financial, employment, educational and housing records, as requested by the case manager.
- Participants must fulfill all requirements of the diversion contract.
- Restitution payments during the program, if any, will be established between the diversion case manager and participant in every case and defined in the diversion contract.
- Participants will receive stipends pursuant to RMYC protocols, and are eligible for AmeriCorps benefits. See attached RMYC Position Description for details.

### **Procedures**

A referral for consideration for the program may be made by a prosecutor, law enforcement officer, the applicant or counsel for the applicant, or a judicial officer, to the District Attorney's Office. An applicant may be required to provide the District Attorney's Office with information necessary to determine whether the applicant is appropriate for the program. No information provided to the District Attorney's Office in this process will be used or admissible in any subsequent criminal prosecution.

The District Attorney's Office will evaluate all requests to apply for the program, and will notify RMYC to determine if they will accept the candidate for initial screening and interview. If an applicant is accepted for interview and screening by RMYC, the applicant must fully cooperate with RMYC in that process. RMYC will only share information obtained in their interview and screening process, with the District Attorney's Office, as may be necessary for the logistical management of the applicant's participation in the program. No information provided to RMYC by the applicant in their interview and screening process will be used or admissible in any subsequent criminal prosecution.

Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance into the program will be provided in writing to the applicant or his/her counsel.

Upon acceptance into the program, a diversion contract will then be signed by the participant, counsel for the participant if any, and a representative of the District Attorney's Office.

If a participant is expelled from the RMYC program for any reason, RMYC will notify the District Attorney's Office. The participant will be notified by the by the District Attorney's Office that their participation in the diversion program is terminated and will advise the participant whether any formal prosecution will be initiated.

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS**  
**Position Description – 2022**



**Position:** Conservation Corps Crew Member

**Location:** Office in Steamboat Springs, CO. Crews will serve throughout Northwest Colorado.

**Crews:** Conservation Crew 18-25+ years (Nationwide residents)  
Conservation/Chainsaw Crew 18-25+ years (Nationwide residents)

**Session Dates:** **Summer Season (11 Weeks):** June 6th- August 20th, 2022 -Conservation Corps Crew  
(May 29th Start date for Conservation/Chainsaw Crew)  
**Summer and Fall Seasons (19 Weeks)\*:** June 6th - October 15th, 2022 (Tentative end date, weather dependent)  
**Fall Season (8 weeks):** August 24th- October 15th, 2022 (Tentative end, weather/project dependent)  
\* Potential season extension optional for natural disaster relief at the end of the Fall season

**Stipend:** **Summer Season:** \$400/week (paid bi-weekly). \$4,400 Total Stipend  
**Summer and Fall Seasons:** \$400/week (paid bi-weekly). \$7,200 Total Stipend  
**Fall Season:** \$400/week (paid bi-weekly). \$2,800 Total Stipend

**AmeriCorps Benefits:** **Summer Season:** 450 Hour Segal Education Award (\$1,678.57)  
**Summer and Fall Seasons:** 900 Hour Segal Education Award (\$3,172.50)  
**Fall or Late Start Summer only Seasons:** 300 Hour Segal Education Award (\$1,342.11)  
*(Awarded upon successful completion of the season)*

*AmeriCorps members are eligible to participate in the CNCS Student Loan Forbearance Program*

**Training:** As an AmeriCorps service learning program and to prepare Corps Members for work in-the-field, RMYC provides orientation and technical skills training at the start of the program year in addition to region or project specific training throughout the service term. Focuses include outdoor leadership, backcountry travel/camping, Leave No Trace principles, technical skills for project work, tool use/maintenance, procedures surrounding risk management and best practices, and creating positive crew cultures with emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Some members will receive additional training with crosscut saws, S-212 chainsaw safety training, and first aid/CPR dependent on crew placement.

**Overview:** In RMYC's Conservation Corps, we offer positions to young adults to spend a season serving on meaningful conservation projects throughout northwest Colorado. Projects may include a variety of trail construction/maintenance, fence installation/removal, invasive species management, fuels reduction with chainsaws, habitat restoration and/or historic preservation work.

**Summer Season:** Crews will remain together 24/7 in the field with the use of a company vehicle including on projects and weekend recreational travel and activities. **You are considered 'ON' RMYC time the entire summer (11 weeks).** During the season: food, travel expenses, and showers will be paid for by RMYC. You can expect to camp in a tent for the duration of the season.

**Fall Season:** Crews will Travel to projects, work and camp together 5-9 days at a time and then will return to the office and be 'OFF' for 2-5 days at a time. Some projects/logistics may require crews to operate in a 24/7 setting 'summer model' for a portion of the Fall. During your 'OFF' time participants are responsible for your own food, transportation and lodging.

All corps members and leaders will participate in service projects, daily camp chores, educational activities, and weekend recreation (weekends summer only).

Spending a season with RMYC can be a life changing and rewarding experience. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to service, diversity, self-development, and the team environment.

#### **Essential Position Functions:**

- Live, work, and serve closely with a diverse group of people
- Complete 10 hours of project work a day for 4-8 days while camping in a variety of outdoor conditions, including inclement weather, for the duration of the season. **(No prior experience is required)**
- Participation in all RMYC service, education and group camping activities or duties:
  - Swinging tools, hiking, carrying heavy weights and other physical labor
  - Cleaning the crew van, group cooking, collecting and filtering water and other group chores
  - Debriefing service projects, risk management discussions, feedback sessions and educational activities.
  - Any other activities or duties deemed necessary by your Crew Leader or an RMYC staff member
- Must adhere to and enforce the rules and regulations of RMYC and AmeriCorps, which includes abstaining from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco while operating in a 24/7 setting (summer) or while on hitch (fall); as well as other rules, regulations and risk management protocol.
- Members may not participate in any AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities as outlined in the Member Service Agreement (MSA).

#### **Qualifications:**

- While RMYC is not at this time requiring participants to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, we may be requiring proof of vaccination for employment in the future due to the nature of our partnerships and for the safety of everyone in our program.
- Ability to commit to the entirety of your Americorps term of service with RMYC
- Pre-service background screening required including FBI background check
- Must be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States
- Ability to serve on diverse teams or with a diverse range of people
- Must be 18 years of age or older

**CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT:** AmeriCorps members will be subject to all state and federal laws, and the rules and regulations of OSHA and Conservation Corps. The member is expected to fully understand and adhere to the rules, regulations and code of conduct as described in the AmeriCorps member manual. 10/19 Policy violations will result in disciplinary action according to program guidelines, including written warnings, fines, suspension without stipend, and/or termination. The AmeriCorps member is accountable for meeting or exceeding the responsibilities of this position as described above, and will be evaluated at mid-term and end-term by Corps Program Staff, with input from project hosts. Successful completion is contingent on both AmeriCorps education award hours and service through the agreed upon term end date.

***Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is committed to the inclusion of members with all levels of ability. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. This program is available to all, without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.***

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