



**Paid AmeriCorps Volunteer Position for
Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.)
Program Assistant**

The New York Juvenile Justice Corps is an AmeriCorps national service program and project of the Center for Court Innovation. The Juvenile Justice Corps places Corps members in courthouses, detention centers, schools and community centers throughout New York City. Corps Members provide wraparound interventions and positive programming to divert young people out of the justice system and break the cycle of unmet needs and delinquent behavior. Throughout the year, Corps members participate in meaningful service projects to have a visible impact in the community as well as monthly trainings to support their professional development.

Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.) is a youth development afterschool program that aims to empower 25-30 teenagers to become community leaders and organizers. YO S.O.S. participants join an exciting anti-gun violence movement within Crown Heights called Save Our Streets (S.O.S.), bringing the ever-vital youth voice to this pressing community issue. Through a combination of experiential workshops and community organizing opportunities over the course of one year, YO S.O.S. participants develop the skills needed for tomorrow's leaders, such as public speaking, networking, event planning and real world work experience. Participants also receive one-on-one case management to provide additional support when needed.

Reporting to the Program Coordinator and Case Manager, the ideal AmeriCorps candidate will have an interest and background in positive youth development. This person will be responsible for seeking summer employment opportunities for participants who requires extensive outreach and relationship-building with organizations and businesses throughout New York City. The AmeriCorps member will also be responsible for administrative duties that will include, but not limited to, spreadsheet records, data entry. The AmeriCorps member should be willing to help facilitate group discussions when necessary. The AmeriCorps member will work closely with the Program Coordinator, and Case Manager to maintain service levels, track and meet deliverables and nurture strong community partnerships and collaborations.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Building relationships with potential youth employers via telephone, email, and in-person contact
- Becoming an expert on the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and New York Work Regulations for Minors
- Developing, maintaining, and streamlining databanks for program deliverables, tracking information, and community partners
- Participating in all in-house staff meetings and case conferences
- Participating in workshop planning and facilitation
- Coordinating and attending program community events
- Working a flexible schedule that requires evening hours and occasionally weekends
- Coordinating and scheduling guest speakers and lecturers
- Coordinating blog entries for NYJJP and YO S.O.S. and assisting

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Benefits

- Full time members that successfully complete their year of service will receive an educational grant award of \$5,550 which can be used toward tuition or student loans
- Living stipend of \$12,100
- Basic health coverage
- Childcare reimbursement
- On the job and supplemental job training
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- 85% of Corps graduates go on to a full-time job or college!

Program Requirements:

- Must be at least 19 years old by October 1st 2011
- Commit to serve for 1 year from October 1st 2011 – September 30th 2012
- Serve a minimum of 35 hours per week (for a total of 1,700 hours in 1 year)
- Participate in monthly trainings and service projects with the Corps including some weekend and evening obligations
- High school diploma or GED required; some college preferred
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office programs required
- An interest in public service, youth development, law and community service
- United States citizen or legal permanent resident with a green card
- Candidates with direct experience working with young people are strongly encouraged to apply

How to Apply

Send a resume and cover letter by August 15, 2011 to Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets Program Coordinator –**Marlon Peterson** at yosos@crowheights.org with **AmeriCorps Program Associate** on the subject line. **Please no phone calls.** Review positions available within the Corps online at www.courtinnovation.org/employment.

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