



County of Rockland
Youth Bureau
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County to help employ out-of-work residents

Participants to receive a living stipend, educational reward for part-time service to community

New City, NY- County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef and the Rockland County Youth Bureau's AmeriCorps program are seeking professionals who are currently out of work for a part-time opportunity with a new program, Rockland Employment Connections (REC).

Created in response to an increase in unemployment, REC will match out-of-work County residents with municipal and non-profit entities that are short-staffed due to layoffs, hiring freezes and early retirement incentives.

Unemployed Rockland residents who are accepted into the REC program will be considered as AmeriCorps members who are performing service for the community.

They will be comprised of three basic groups:

1. Unemployed, experienced workforce – ages 30 - 55 +
2. Unemployed, recent college graduates - ages 21 – 30
3. Youth - ages 17 and older

REC members who participate in the 450-hour program will receive a \$2,949 living stipend and a \$1,250 educational award. Members who participate in the 300-hour program will receive a living stipend of \$1,959 and an educational award of \$1,000. Additional benefits include training, employment, social networking and the ability to provide a needed community service.

Potential candidates must be legal permanent residents of the United States and will work a part-time schedule with hours primarily on weekdays. Other qualifications are, but are not limited to, a commitment to completing the program, a dedicated work ethic, flexibility, good time management skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with others.

Member applications are due Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. For more information or to request an application, please contact Jenny at 845-638-5362 or e-mail kuriskoj@co.rockland.ny.us.

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