Position Description

Partner Site Name: Rocketship Brilliant Minds

Supervisor Name: Amy Filsinger

Description of Silicon Valley HealthCorps:

In an innovative partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and 10 local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to improve community health by providing ongoing garden-based nutrition education to youth in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The HealthCorps will also increase the availability and affordability of locally grown produce through the development of new community and school gardens, low-cost farm stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs.

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Rocketship Brilliant Minds is a TK – 4 Elementary School that serves approximately 500 studentsThe school day begins at 7:45, and ends at 4:15.

Rocketship Education is a network of public elementary charter schools serving primarily low-income students in neighborhoods where access to excellent schools is limited. We believe that truly transformative schools do more than educate students; they empower teachers, engage parents and inspire communities.

Position Title	Gardening Coach
Position Status	Full-Time
Program Start/End Date	September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015
Number of Positions Available	1
Office Location	2962 Story Road, San Jose CA 95127
General Position Summary	Our gardening coach would create a garden space for our new facility. Start-up would include partnering with community and family volunteers to design and build the garden structure. Students would be pulled in small groups (10) to learn about gardening, nutrition, social-emotional skills, and plant life.
Essential Duties and Responsibilities	**Healthy Eating Knowledge and Behavior Change**

	(Garden- and Farm-Based Nutrition Education for Youth; Modifying Curricula) • Daily garden and nutrition education for small groups of students in grades K-4. Every student would be met with at least once weekly in groups of 10. ▪ Deliver hands-on, standards-based garden workshops focused on food, health, agriculture, science, and sustainability ▪ Effectively manage behavior of large groups of students (~30) engaged in classroom/garden activities and ensure that students are meeting campus behavior and academic expectations ▪ Ensure that students have access to a positive and productive learning environment by: enforcing all campus safety rules; respond to occasional exposure to blood, bodily fluids, and tissue; manage classes with students who require additional support with behavior • Curriculum development and modification ▪ Plan gardening activities/lessons that can be adapted to multiple grade levels and develop a student's knowledge of gardening, nutrition, and environmental stewardship ▪ Purchase and prepare all workshops materials (lesson plans, supplies, worksheets, etc.) (funds provided by school) ▪ Communicate and collaborate with teachers and school leaders; participate actively in staff development as a member of the Rocketship team **60%**
	Produce Availability and Affordability (develop gardens, distribute food, provide technical assistance) • Develop garden and produce stand with students to distribute harvest.

	• Garden construction and maintenance ▪ Design, construct, and maintain all aspects of school gardens and green spaces, including planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting ▪ Maintain and organize gardening materials and equipment **20%**
	Volunteer Recruitment (recruit and coordinate volunteers to support gardens and garden ed) • Create and distribute marketing materials to generate sufficient volunteers to allow the garden to flourish over weekends/holidays. • Organize Volunteer workdays for parents **10%**
	Evaluation Requirements (collecting and entering data) • Enter exit slip data from small group classes. • Administer, collect, and enter data for the Garden-Based Education Survey for grades 3-5 at the beginning and end of the year • Complete mandatory monthly paperwork including Time Sheet, Mileage Claim Form, and Performance Measurement Instruments **10%**
Required Qualifications	Applicant must be at least 17 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent and be a citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent resident. Applicant must also submit to and clear a background check. TB test required.
Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities	Adaptive, energetic, eager to work with students and comfortable working with families across a language barrier. Spanish speakers highly encouraged to apply.
Commitment Required	This is a 12 month position beginning on September 1, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2015. The position requires a minimum of 1700 service hours and 190 training hours. Weekly hours around 40. Training topics will include sustainable farming techniques, nutrition education development, food security, composting, and more. * RSED schools hold summer professional development for staff between 8/1/13 and - 8/23/13. Between these dates, Corps Members will be asked to volunteer approx. 40 hours to join sessions relevant to their own development and understanding of their role and

	responsibilities as well as prepare for the first few weeks of school beginning on 8/26/13. Specific dates and time will be communicated upon placement. Additionally, Corps Members placed at Rocketship will be asked to volunteer 40 additional hours to begin working with students during the first week of school, starting 8/26/13. The hours worked during this time are voluntary and do not count towards the AmeriCorps hours requirement.
Benefits	• Living allowance of $16,000 (distributed bi-weekly) • Post-Service Education Award of $5,550 and loan deferment during term of service • Health insurance and child care coverage • Professional development training

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