Are you passionate about working with students from underserved communities? Do you love the ocean and want to share the love with others?

If you answered yes, joining the NESS STEM Education Ambassador (SEA) AmeriCorps Program might be a great opportunity for you!

NESS SEA AmeriCorps members:
- **ENGAGE** students in learning by seeing and doing
- **TEACH** NESS standards-based programs
- **PROVIDE** student support through classroom support & mentoring
- **EMPOWER** students to discover their personal best by facing new challenges
- **SHARE** enjoyment of the ocean and teach its science to students from all backgrounds
- **ENCOURAGE** students to be positive stewards of their community and environment

**Duties and responsibilities:**

- Serve in Connecticut schools for academic day or after-school programming providing classroom support and mentoring.
- Develop NESS STEM-based lesson plans aligned to state and national standards.
- Lead and assist in the delivery of NESS experiential education programs.
- Lead and assist in the creation and delivery of field-based programs using kayaking, sailing, marine science, powerboating, fishing, and more.
- Participate in community events to educate local students and families.
- Help implement NESS’ safety plan by always maintaining campus and offsite safety.
- Serve as a team with other AmeriCorps members and staff from both NESS and host sites
- Participate in orientation training at the beginning of term and regular training throughout the service term.
- Travel to various locations each day may be required.

**Requirements:**

- Passion for working with underserved students
- Minimum of two years of post-secondary education required; Bachelors or Associates Degree preferred OR service with the US Armed Forces
- Valid Driver’s License
- Successful passage of the three-part National Service Criminal History Check
- Positions will abide by AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities as referred to in the member contract
- Commit to **11-month**, full time assignment (37-40 hours/week), beginning September 6, 2022 through July 29th, 2023
- Complete a minimum of **1700 hours** of service.
Desired Skills:

- Commitment to the AmeriCorps mission of service
- Understanding of underserved communities
- Interest in teaching, curriculum development, organization, and positive youth development,
- Interest in marine science, sailing, and kayaking instruction in an experiential learning setting
- A strong team player and excellent motivator
- Initiative and the ability to work independently
- Effective skills in interpersonal relationships, written and verbal communications, problem solving, decision making, group dynamics, and public speaking
- Bilingual speakers, especially in Spanish, encouraged to apply

Benefits of Service:

- AmeriCorps living allowance of approximately $15,700 over a 11-month term of service
  - Paid in weekly installments
  - Subject to all applicable local, state and federal income taxes
- Eli Segal Education Award of up to $6,345 from the National Service Trust for qualifying education expenses or loans upon successful completion of the term of service.
- Comprehensive Health, Dental and Vision insurance benefits at no cost
- Extensive training and certifications
- 8 days off for holidays each calendar year
- Childcare assistance for those who qualify
- Positions are eligible for student loan forbearance (available for qualified loans)

Training and certifications provided include:

- Waterfront Lifeguarding (American Red Cross certification)
- First Aid & CPR for the Professional Rescuer (American Red Cross certification)
- Kayaking Instruction (American Canoe Association certification)
- CT Safe Boating certification
- Sailing instruction and practice
- Introduction to experiential-based teaching practices
- Career Development Mentorship

To Apply:
Submit a cover letter and resume to service@nessf.org. Offers are made on a rolling basis.

About NESS
New England Science & Sailing Foundation ("NESS") is a nationally recognized and award-winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit ocean adventure education organization that provides students, of all ages and backgrounds, with year-round programming that includes marine science, sailing, and water sports. NESS's scholastic programs support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curricula in over 70 schools and organizations with a unique combination of on-the-water and in-the-classroom lessons intended to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. NESS is the first school partner program accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and has been recognized by US Sailing as the top community sailing program in the United States. NESS serves over 9,000 students annually across New England. Since its inception, NESS has enabled more than 35,000 students to get out on the water. For more information, visit www.nessf.org.