

Home Education Coordinator

Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington VT



Join a team of affordable housing and real estate professionals who work daily to generate community stability, promote equity and inclusion, and improve the lives of low to moderate income Vermonters! Champlain Housing Trust is an internationally recognized leader in the field of shared equity homeownership and affordable housing development. Work directly with aspiring homeowners and current homeowners from all walks of life while developing your skills in effective communication, public speaking, and understanding the mechanisms behind this successful non-profit organization. Apply today!

This position is part of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps (VHCB AmeriCorps). The VHCB AmeriCorps program supports the innovative dual-goal approach to creating stable affordable housing opportunities for Vermont residents while preserving the natural and working landscape. VHCB AmeriCorps is a national service program that places members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

CHT manages and develops permanently affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership programs in Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties. CHT's HomeOwnership Center (HOC) is a member of the national NeighborWorks® America network and is comprised of 3 Programs:

1. Shared Equity Program (SEP) helps buyers with down payment assistance to create permanently affordable homeownership options
2. Home Education provides group and individual counseling in financial literacy, homebuyer education and homeowner services
3. Champlain Housing Loan Fund is a community-based loan program for low income homeowners funded mostly with Community Development Block Grants.

Essential Functions:

- Learn the overall workings of CHT and the HomeOwnership Center to develop an understanding of various housing options; with a special emphasis to learn the intricacies and value of homebuyer education and financial capability programs. Provide basic information to people wanting to know about Home Education programs and services.
- Assist with facilitation of regular monthly workshops and special groups; coordinate event logistics, update and prepare workshop materials and forms, site setup, inform partners, community members and customers of events and education opportunities.
- Present at workshops and orientations and facilitate special groups.
- Assist clients one-on-one to help them engage special programs and services; this may include helping people access technology or other resources, facilitate small group discussions or other special events. Take the lead as liaison to SEP homeowners who are participating in the Conversations About Money Program (CAMP), and coordination for the program, if applicable.



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- Support workshops and events as well as counseling such as scheduling appointments, pulling credit reports, preparing files and informational materials, data entry and information management and reporting.
- Participate in an Independent Service Project under the guidance of VHCB AmeriCorps
- Participate in VHCB AmeriCorps Trainings, Service Days, Events, and Program Initiatives.
- Engage in professional and personal development activities and networking opportunities.

Secondary Functions:

- Assist with post-closing information management for open market homebuyers.
- Perform outreach in support of the HomeOwnership Center. Outreach may encompass contacting community agencies and organizations, organization and completion of special events, volunteer recruitment, and promoting collaborative efforts among organizations/programs.

Desired Qualifications:

- Education level – BA preferred or equivalent experience in related field.
- Technical skills – knowledge of housing, financial literacy and/or lending practices helpful.
- Computer proficiency and experience with Microsoft office preferred; good writing, basic math, and superior interpersonal skills.
- Someone with public speaking skills or the desire to learn.
- Clean driving record, access to a vehicle with some in-state travel required.
- Experience in counseling/support, public speaking, real estate, lending, community services, or affordable housing preferred.
- Strong desire to provide service to the community, highly motivated, well organized, self-starter, and team player.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status;
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation or 17 years of age with verified parental permission;
- Be a high school graduate, have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards a GED as part of the service-term. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps.
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo an National Service Criminal History Check;
- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program's ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in all required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.
- Available to regularly serve 40 hours per week

Additional Information:



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Service occurs both in an office environment as well as in the community, in Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties. Having your own vehicle and serving on some nights and weekends are required



Position begins September 8th, 2021 and ends August 12th, 2022

This position is **Full Time**: Requires 1,720 hours for an average of 40 hours per week for 48 weeks. Member will receive a living allowance of \$20,400 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$6,345 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service.

Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training and networking opportunities.

To Apply: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameri-corps/positions>

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

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Application deadline: August 24th, or until filled.

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.

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Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

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