



## **ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP– VOTER ENGAGEMENT Apple Corps Service Fellow Announcement**

### **About Apple Corps:**

Apple Corps Leaders Program, this fellowship initiative is designed to provide service opportunities for individuals who are passionate about leading the effort to eliminate hunger throughout our community. This Apple Corps Fellow will complete a short-term, service project aimed at engaging the people we serve in the electoral process in a non-political, non-partisan way.

### **Timeline:**

This is a three-month service opportunity that will launch August of 2021.

### **Position Overview:**

Under the direction of the Senior Director of Advocacy, and in support of the SNAP community access coordinator, the Apple Corps Service Fellow will assist in increasing public passion to end hunger by promoting voter engagement. The Fellow will provide our neighbors with the tools, resources, and assistance needed to participate in our local elections. Project tasks will consist of activities such as:

- Completing a 40-minute online training and signing a pledge stating they will follow required rules for registering voters in Virginia.
- Providing outreach at events, food distributions, and hubs
- Educating potential voters on the how their vote can affect federal money funneled to the region and improve education, as well as affect healthcare and benefits distribution
- Registering voters for the November election period

### **Estimated Number of Hours:**

60 – 80 hours per month

### **Benefits:**

Apple Corps Service Fellows will receive a cash stipend as a general contractor per the following schedule: Three month project \$1,667.00.

Payments will be paid in monthly stipends. A federal tax Form 1099 will be issued to each participant for the amount paid for each calendar year. Individuals will also receive Foodbank branded apparel, such as polo shirts, sweatshirts and jackets, to wear during their service hours.

### **Reporting Results and Deliverables:**

This service project will build advocacy capacity for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Increasing the number of voters increases the our neighbors' voice regarding benefits that can decrease hunger insecurity in our service area.

The deliverables will be the number of voter registration forms submitted to local offices and a spreadsheet of those who were positively engaged.

This is a non-political and non-partisan outreach that gives power to our neighbors who are struggling with chronic hunger and food insecurity.



### **Requirements:**

Individuals who are 18 years or older with a high school diploma may participate as an Apple Corps Service Fellow.

Ideal candidates for this initiative are individuals with professional experience who may serve as skills-based volunteers or college students seeking to gain professional skills in Civic Engagement. The ideal candidate will be:

- enthusiastic about raising awareness and educating neighbors on the impact voting that can have locally
- comfortable speaking with the public
- equitable and inclusive in communicating
- aware of the importance of voting in the political process and its effects on the neighborhoods in which we live

Preferred candidates may also have previous experience such as (but not limited to):

- Grassroots Advocacy
- Community Outreach
- Persuasive Speaking

A related college degree is not required.

### **About Us:**

For 40 years, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, a member of Feeding America™ and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, has been providing food for hungry people throughout Southeastern Virginia and on the Eastern Shore. In our mission to lead the effort to eliminate hunger in our community, the Foodbank has distributed over 290 million meals throughout our 4,745 square mile service area, which includes the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Franklin and Virginia Beach as well as the counties of Southampton, Northampton, Sussex, Isle of Wight and Accomack. During the 2019-2020 fiscal years, the Foodbank distributed over 14.9 million meals to food insecure individuals in the community through a robust network of partner agencies and program sites. Our current work to address the short-term needs for food access and long-term needs related to root causes of food insecurity is guided by a strategic plan, which can be accessed via our website at <https://foodbankonline.org/strategic-plan/>

*The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Foodbank encourages applications from qualified persons of every race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, and disability.*

**How to apply:** If this sounds like the opportunity for you to serve our community and help eliminate hunger, please send a cover letter, resume to [orfrecruiting@foodbankonline.org](mailto:orfrecruiting@foodbankonline.org)