



Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory – Belle Isle Conservatory MCCC Crew Member

POSITION: MCCC Crew Member at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Belle Isle Park, Detroit, MI

PAY RATE: \$12.50/Hr.

GRANT AWARDS: Educational grant awards up to \$5,920; multiple grant awards possible

WORK SCHEDULE: Four 10 hour days per week; which days per week will vary

DUTIES:

- Plant specimen care including watering, pruning, fertilizing, weeding, dead heading and pest control
- Regulate temperature and humidity of conservatory plant houses
- Monitor and record plant conditions, treatments and general data such as temperature, humidity, and watering
- Carry out arrangement, set up and maintenance of formal flower showroom
- Assist with care of Anna Scripps Whitcomb orchid collection and other greenhouse specimens
- Layout and planting of annuals, bulbs, and perennials in formal gardens of conservatory and formal beds throughout the island
- Maintain conservatory grounds and other formal landscaping on the island including pruning, weeding, irrigation and application of herbicide
- Educate the public about the conservatory/park and the rules of the conservatory
- Assist with and/or lead volunteers in conservatory work, landscape work and stewardship work inside the conservatory and across the island
- General maintenance and daily care of the conservatory and grounds including removal of plant refuse, cleaning, washing windows, and removing trash

POSITION INFORMATION: The MCCC conservatory crew assists in the care of the extensive collection of plant specimens in four distinct plant houses, seasonal floral displays and formal gardens. Work benefits one of the historic and cultural icons in the city of Detroit. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in plant care, floriculture and horticulture techniques and the maintenance of public gardens.

ABOUT MCCC/AMERICORPS: The crew member positions at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory are hired under the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC) program. The MCCC program is a special job training program enacted by the Michigan Legislature. Members of the program are hired as Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division employees. Employees have the option to join AmeriCorps and earn educational grant awards upon completion of set requirements. The education award may be used for qualifying forms of higher education from vocational training to graduate school, or may be used to repay existing student loans. Other benefits include paid annual leave and paid administrative leave for career development and job searches.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be between 18 and 27 years of age and meet all other MCCC requirements to qualify
- High school graduate or G.E.D minimum
- No experience is required. Preferable to have completed college courses in horticulture, floriculture, or related field. Experience working in greenhouse, garden and landscape settings also desired
- Ability to learn and follow detailed directions about plants, plant care and related work
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team environment
- Ability to interact well with the public
- Good physical condition to conduct strenuous physical work, often under adverse conditions of heat
- Willing to use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers. Must be willing to obtain a pesticide applicator certification
- Willingness to safely use power equipment, including clearing saws, pole pruners, and similar equipment
- Be safety conscious (obey all safety instructions and guidelines)
- Committed to stewardship of the conservatory, its plant collection and Belle Isle Park

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Applications are accepted year round for positions of six months or one year with the potential to extend up to two years
- Job applications are available at the Michigan DNR website, www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs (Form #PR-7123e).
- Attach resume and cover letter to application and mail or email to Jeremy Kemp, Horticulturalist; ASW Conservatory, DNR, Parks and Recreation Division; 2 Inselruhe Rd, Belle Isle Park, Detroit MI 48207; Phone: 313-821-9848; Email: kempj6@michigan.gov

