

Methow At Home

Methow At Home Sustainability Practicum

Salary:	\$13.69 per hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks
Supervisor:	Tracy Bocarde Sprauer, Executive Director of Methow At Home
Period of Employment:	June 21, 2021 – August 27, 2021
Position Requirements:	Enroll in ENVS 471, Sustainability Planning Studio, 3 credits

Overview

Methow At Home is part of a national movement of virtual villages aimed to empower the aging process. Our mission is to support our members who wish to age in place. We accomplish this through: our member services (we train and vet volunteers ready to be of service to our members), social engagement (we believe that offering opportunities for connection eases social isolation), preparedness programming (we believe planning and preparation can ameliorate outcomes in the face of wildfire, illness, end of life, etc.) and education (we believe in fostering lifelong learning and offering a space for the sharing of expertise).

We are looking for a motivated Sustainability Fellow who is interested in connecting with the elders of the Valley and capturing some of their stories. Some of these folks have been here a long time and some have just arrived, but everyone has a story. "Know and be known" is the antidote that we want to focus upon as we hopefully emerge from this pandemic.

Responsibilities

This position will be partial office time and partial outdoor time.

Responsibilities of the fellow may include:

- *Going through a training of sorts in capturing peoples' stories.

- *Calling, setting up interviews, driving to peoples' homes and conducting the sessions with members.

*Capture the life story with writing, film, photography, audio recording or a mix.

*Possible work in the office checking in on people and responding to extreme climate situations like fire, heat, etc.

*Working with the staff to catalog and house these stories.

Qualifications and Experience

We are looking for someone:

*who loves people and is curious, observant, empathetic, a good listener and a clear communicator

*who loves to write and possibly has ability to do some simple photography, filming or recording.

*who has computer facility and is familiar with Google drive, etc.

*who has their own transportation, phone and laptop

*who is creative and also has an eye for detail

*who will pass our background check

*who has experience with social media

*COVID-19 vaccine completion recommended.

Educational/Professional Benefits

This position will lead to a greater understanding of the older generations. It will bring a sense of satisfaction to help record something important to people about their life and in that way, help them to live on. This opportunity will provide skills in interviewing, multi-media communication and writing. Depending upon the fire season, there may be many lessons in assisting vulnerable people through climate emergencies.

To apply complete this application form:	https://forms.gle/wokrqBDKkSG8ABU98 Application review begins April 19 and will continue until positions are filled
For all questions, please contact Joshua Porter:	Porterj7@wwu.edu