The Minnesota Literacy Council is recruiting 100 classroom paraprofessionals who will be employed in the seven county metro area school districts during the 2005-2006 academic year. These counties include: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. Successful candidates will become members of the AmeriCorps* Teacher Corps program and will assist K-3 children in improving their reading skills. Preferably, interested applicants will be currently pursuing or interested in pursuing higher education to meet No Child Left Behind requirements or to obtain teacher licensure.

Beginning in August 2005, members will engage in a year-long project that will require 1700 hours of service. These service hours will include current teaching assistant work in the schools, after-school literacy tutoring with K-3 children, coordinate parent/family involvement activities, and attending professional development workshops. For most paraprofessionals, participation in the Teacher Corps will add approximately 5 hours to their current work hours per week.

Upon completion of the year of service, Teacher Corps members will receive an education award of $4725 to go towards tuition or repaying student loans.

**Member Commitments:**

- Members will participate in a *minimum* of **100 hours** of volunteer (unpaid) literacy tutoring to facilitate raising the reading skills of K-3 students reading below grade level.
- Members will develop and put into action different strategies for parental involvement (home visits, school or community literacy events, training sessions, etc).
- Members will expand and enhance teaching skills by participating in professional development workshops. Topics of the workshops may include tutoring skills, library resources, diversity issues, service learning, and career development.
- Members will participate in several AmeriCorps and community service projects (e.g., Martin Luther King Day event) designed to improve their understanding of and ability to do community and public service.

**Qualifications:**

- Employed by one of the seven county metro area school districts as a public school classroom educational/teaching assistant
- Experience working with diverse urban learners and communities of color
- Commitment to community service
- Strong interest in teaching and pursuing teaching licensure

If you need further information, please visit our web link at www.theMLC.org/teachercorps, call 651-645-2277 x290, or e-mail us at teacher_corps@theMLC.org.

*We are accepting applications until the positions are filled.*
Are you a metro area public school paraprofessional? Teacher Corps is a program especially for EAs and TAs employed in K-12 public schools and pre-K programs. For other AmeriCorps* tutoring opportunities, visit www.AmeriCorps.org or www.theMLC.org

PART A. PERSONAL PROFILE (You must complete ALL fields)

1. Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
   Last   First   Middle

2. Are you a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident alien? ☑ Yes ☐ No
   If you are a permanent resident alien and you received your card after January 1997, what is the registration number and card expiration date? ______________________________

3. Social Security #: _______ - _______ - _______
4. Gender: ☑ Male ☐ Female

5. Date of Birth: ______ - ______ - _______
6. Place of Birth: ______________________

7. Current Address: __________________________________________________________________
   Number and Street
   ___________________  ___________________  ___________________
   City     State     Zip Code

   Home Phone: ___________________________   Work Phone: ___________________________

E-mail (absolutely required): __________________________________________________________

What is the best way to get in contact with you? ________________________________________


   # Hours You Will Work per Week: _______________   School District: ___________________
   Person Who Will Supervise You: ___________________________   Title: ___________________

   School Principal: ____________________________________________
Have you previously served in AmeriCorps? ○ Yes ○ No If yes, check program(s).

○ AmeriCorps*VISTA ○ AmeriCorps*NCCC ○ AmeriCorps*State and National

Location: ___________________________________________ From: _____ To: _________
City State

Did you complete your term of service? ○ Yes ○ No

If not, please explain: ______________________________________________________________
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Answer the following questions fully. Existence of criminal charges/conviction(s) may or may not disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission will disqualify you. Do not include minor traffic violations.

A. Have you ever been:

• charged with any criminal offense by a civilian court/military authorities? ○ Yes ○ No
• convicted of any criminal offense by a civilian court/military authorities? ○ Yes ○ No
• adjudicated or held responsible as a juvenile offender of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by authorities? ○ Yes ○ No

B. Are you now:

• under charges for any offenses or are any civil suits or judgments pending against you? ○ Yes ○ No
• on probation or parole? ○ Yes ○ No

If no, skip to “Certification” below.

If you answered yes to any of the questions, please provide the following:

Date: ________________________ Place: ________________________
Month/Date/Year City State

Charge: ________________________ Action Taken: ________________________

Court, Probation, or Parole Officer: ________________________ Phone: ________________________

Address: ________________________
Street City State Zip Code

You may attach any additional information or explanation on a separate sheet.
PART B. EMPLOYMENT

List and briefly describe the last THREE positions you have held. Begin with your current position in the school district and go back ten years. Include self-employment, internships/fellowships, home management, and full-time or part-time paid or unpaid work experience. (You may attach a resume instead only if it addresses the information requested below.

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PART C. EDUCATION

List all schools after high school that you have attended, including trade or technical schools, military training, or employment training programs.

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When you complete this section of the application, please send it to--

AmeriCorps* Teacher Corps Program
Minnesota Literacy Council
756 Transfer Road
St. Paul, MN 55114-1404

WE WILL FOLLOW UP THROUGH E-MAIL OR LETTER TO LET YOU KNOW THE NEXT STEP!

If you have any questions, contact us at 651-645-2277 x290 or teacher_corps@theMLC.org.

It is in your best interest to turn in the completed application as soon as possible.