



MERS/GOODWILL SCSEP

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a community service and work based training program for older workers. Authorized by the Older Americans Act, the program provides subsidized, service-based training for low-income persons 55 or older who are unemployed and have poor employment prospects.

Eligible Participants must be at least 55, unemployed, and have a family income of no more than 125% of the federal poverty level.

MERS/Goodwill administers SCSEP in St. Louis and the surrounding counties, along with many counties in Southeast Missouri, and Southern Illinois.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

SCSEP has a long history of placing participants into volunteer positions at local non-profit and government agencies. SCSEP participants can assist agencies with duties like customer service, reception, data entry, filing, inventory, stocking, janitorial, and food service. Participants are usually required to have a 20-hour per week schedule, and all expenses and liability, including wages and fringe benefits, are covered by MERS/Goodwill through the grant, so there is no cost to the host organization.

WORK-BASED TRAINING:

During their community service, SCSEP participants will learn valuable work skills and experience, but the positions are not jobs. One of the primary goals of the SCSEP is to train the participants on the skills they need in order to eventually find permanent employment (either at the host organization or elsewhere). A skills assessment and an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) help define and focus the training and employment goals for each participant.

PLACEMENT SERVICES:

Another important goal of SCSEP is help each participant find permanent employment. After training objectives have been achieved and a participant is ready for work, then an intensive search for a job begins. Staff will assist each participant with methods of job search, resumes & applications, and interview coaching.

Please call MERS/Goodwill SCSEP at **1-888-651-4177** with any questions, or to obtain information on how to participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

**55 OR OLDER?
NEED HELP
FINDING A JOB?**

THEN YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR THE...

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MERS Goodwill SCSEP Participant/ Host Agency Snapshot

Allocations by County

County	GII Approved Positions
*Alexander	1
*Franklin	6
*Hardin	0
Jackson	6
*Johnson	1
*Massac	3
Monroe**	2
*Perry	3
*Pope**	2
Randolph**	4
*Saline	4
*Union**	4
Washington**	2
Williamson	9
Totals	47



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***Counties that experience persistent unemployment**

****Counties where we need assistance recruiting both Partners and Participants**

Host Agency Partner Organizations

Good Samaritan House - Carbondale
 River to River Community of Anna
 River to River Community of Marion
 Salvation Army-Harrisburg
 Jackson County Housing Authority Illinois – Murphysboro
 Murphysboro Youth & Rec Center
 SPIN (Supporting People In Need) – Murphysboro
 River to River Community of Anna
 The Anchor of River to River Community of Marion
 Sesser Public Library
 Golden Circle of Harrisburg
 Eldorado Memorial Public Library
 Create A Smile Thrift Store - Carterville
 The Promise - Marion
 Murphysboro Senior Center
 Salvation Army-Marion

Partners (continued)

Williamson County Government
Salvation Army-Harrisburg
Metropolis Public Library
African American History Museum of Southern Illinois - Carbondale
Lutheran Social Services of IL - Marion
Wit and Wisdom Senior Center – West Frankfort
Heterodyne Broadcasting Co. (WDBX) - Carbondale
Salvation Army - Marion
United Way Southern Illinois - Marion
Happy Days Senior Center – Cairo
Ms. Flowers Outreach Center - Cairo
The Science Center - Carbondale
Senior Adult Services - Carbondale
Five Star Industries – DuQuoin
Golden Plate - DuQuoin
Salvation Army - Harrisburg
City of Marion Animal Control
Shawnee Development Council - Anna
Salvation Army - Marion
Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale
I Can Read – Carbondale
Carbondale Public Library
Victory Dream Center Food Pantry - Carbondale
4C's - Harrisburg
Franklin County Emergency Management - Benton
River to River Community of Anna
Lighthouse Shelter - Marion
City of Benton IL
Benton Animal Control
Salvation Army - Marion
Project Hope Humane Society - Metropolis IL
Centerstone – West Frankfort/Carbondale
Marion Carnegie Library - Marion IL
Harrisburg Public Library
Southern Pride Senior Programs – Vienna
Happy Hearts Senior Center – Metropolis