



Join over 7,000 AmeriCorps members in the VISTA program who are united in our mission to alleviate poverty.

AmeriCorps VISTA members serve with nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments to make sustainable change in areas that effect poverty, including education, public health, climate, access to benefits, and more. Through activities such as fundraising, grant writing, research, and volunteer recruitment, AmeriCorps members gain professional experience and leadership skills, preparing them for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

"Since starting with AmeriCorps VISTA, it's definitely helped me figure out that this is what I want to do with my future. It solidified my career and personal goals."



Shakira Cruz Gonzalez

City of New Orleans Office of Human Rights and Equity



7,000

members serve annually.

Individuals can choose to serve full time for a year or during the summer.



4,500

sites across the United States



78%

serve in their hometown



260,000

members since 1965



46%

of alumni employed within six months of serving attributed their employment to their connections made during service.

Benefits of Serving



Living Allowance

Receive a modest bi-weekly living allowance to cover basic expenses.



Child Care

You may be eligible to receive a child care benefit if you have children under the age of 13.



Relocation Allowance

If you move 50+ miles from your home to a new community, you receive relocation travel assistance and a settling-in allowance.



Professional Development Training

Attend in-person and virtual professional development opportunities throughout the year.



End of Service Award

Choose between a Segal Education Award to pay for a range of education expenses or a cash stipend. Members who are 55+ at the start of their service term are eligible to transfer their education award to a qualifying family member.



Non-Competitive Eligibility

NCE is a special hiring status that enables you to apply for federal jobs without having to go through the standard public competitive selection process. That means that you can be appointed to federal positions that may not be available to the general public. In addition, your application could be processed faster than others.



Healthcare Benefit

Choose between reimbursement for healthcare or a healthcare plan. Dental and vision also are included.



And many more benefits...

You can find them at [AmeriCorps.gov/VISTABenefits](https://www.americorps.gov/VISTABenefits).

How to Apply

1

CREATE A PROFILE

Enter your contact information to get started.



2

SEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Go to my.americorps.gov and search for AmeriCorps VISTA opportunities.



3

APPLY

Create an application that includes a motivational statement, skills, and references. Apply to up to 10 service opportunities that interest you.



4

INTERVIEW

If selected by the project, you'll be contacted for an interview.



5

BEGIN SERVICE

If selected for the position, you will attend training and begin your year of service.



Who can Apply

- AmeriCorps members must be 18 and over (*no upper age limit*).
- AmeriCorps VISTA service is open to applicants who hold one of the following citizenship or legal residency statuses:
 - US citizen
 - US National
 - Lawful Permanent Resident (i.e. Green Card status)
 - Persons legally residing within a state. *Examples may include those holding the following classifications: refugee, asylee, temporary protected status throughout VISTA service, and holding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status.*