



Join the VISTA Summer Associates Program

AmeriCorps VISTA

For over 45 years, members of AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) have actively served low-income areas by mobilizing people, businesses and organizations with the goal of creating sustainable healthy communities. The mission of AmeriCorps VISTA has not changed since mandated by Congress in 1964, “AmeriCorps VISTA builds permanent infrastructure in non-profit organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty.”

Throughout the year, AmeriCorps VISTA provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

Overview of the Summer Associates Program

The VISTA program also has a Summer Associate component, a short-term service opportunity during the summer months. The Summer Associate program enhances an existing VISTA project by providing individuals that will participate for 8 to 10 weeks, alongside year-round AmeriCorps VISTA members, in an intensive level of summer service. During service, Summer Associates are available to the community on a full-time basis which is described by Congress as “24 hours a day, 7 days a week.” This means that the Summer Associate should be available as deemed necessary by the sponsoring agency, for the project, without regard to standard working hours.

As a Summer Associate, your contributions will have an actual and credible impact on those being served.

General Eligibility

- Summer Associates must be at least 18 years of age at the time of placement
- Be a U.S. Citizen, National or Legal Resident
- Able to commit and serve on a full-time basis for 8-10 weeks
- Not listed on the National Sex Offenders Public Registry

Benefits and Support

In addition to making a credible effort to help people and communities escape poverty, Summer Associates receive benefits and support during and after successful completion of summer service.

Associates are eligible to receive:

- A \$1,174.60 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or a \$125/month summer end-of service stipend
- On-site orientation and training
- A living allowance to cover necessities during service
- Involvement in the AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni Network and eCommunity

How to Get Involved

To learn more about the AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Program and other AmeriCorps opportunities, visit www.americorps.gov or call (800) 942-2677.