



Feeding the Gulf Coast AmeriCorps VISTA Gulfport, Mississippi

Overview:

Feeding the Gulf Coast is seeking one full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to work with the Hunger Free Community coalitions in the Gulf Coast of Mississippi to implement anti-hunger strategies. VISTA members support community leaders in identifying food-resource barriers and developing comprehensive end hunger plans.

[Hunger Free Community](#) coalitions are broad-based, multi-sector coalitions that are committed to ending hunger in their communities. These coalitions range in scale, from small towns and counties to major metropolitan areas and states. Some are led by governors, mayors, or members of Congress, while others are entirely volunteer driven. At their core, these initiatives are formed around the belief that to end hunger at the community level, a broad range of community stakeholders must unite behind a common vision and strategy.

Position Description:

The Hunger Free Community-AmeriCorps VISTA will be responsible for:

- Working with community members to develop and enhance collaborations between governmental agencies, community-based organizations and other community stakeholders (faith-based, business, etc.).
- Completing community assessments/mapping to identify community institutions/assets to be included in anti-hunger goals.
- Enhancing public/private partnerships by identifying potential organizations to recruit to anti-hunger work.
- Identifying barriers to food resources and producing a report of findings.
- Creating a community-wide “end hunger” plan with the input of partner organizations as well as low-income community members which documents the impact of hunger in the community and a plan for addressing this hunger through a collective impact approach.
- Recruiting, managing, and training community volunteers to participate in identified activities.
- Collecting data and reporting on the coalition’s progress.
- Building the capacity of the organization through resource development, obtaining donations, and fundraising efforts.

Time Commitment:

This is a one year, full-time position. The anticipated start date is March 18, 2019.

This is a stipend volunteer position with AmeriCorps-Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).

Learn more at <https://www.vistacampus.gov/>.

Position Benefits*:

- Living allowance of \$12,277.72 a year
- Segal Education Award (\$5,920) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,800)
- Health benefits*
- Potential to forbear or defer student loans while in service
- Relocation assistance (if applicable)
- Childcare assistance (if applicable)
- Optional life insurance
- One year non-competitive status for federal government positions
- A network of over 180,000 AmeriCorps VISTA members and alums

*For more information on benefits provided through AmeriCorps VISTA, visit:

<https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>

Qualifications:

- Associate's Degree or equivalent experience.
- Strong interest in working on domestic nutrition, hunger and food security issues.
- Demonstrated experience in community engagement preferred.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.
- AmeriCorps VISTA Requirements:
 - Be 18 years or older (no upper age limit)
 - Pass a national service criminal history check
 - Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens and persons residing in a state that have the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status, or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status.

How to Apply:

To apply, please completely fill out the online application through MyAmeriCorps:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=75029&fromSearch=true>

For questions specifically about VISTA and/or this position, please reach out to Layla Arnold, larnold@alliancetoendhunger.org

About AmeriCorps VISTA:

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members bring their passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty. The most pressing challenges we face as a nation require the most courageous and creative people to address them. An AmeriCorps VISTA member serves as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to advance local solutions.

[About Alliance to End Hunger:](#)

The Alliance to End Hunger engages diverse institutions to build the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad. The Alliance to End Hunger's Hunger Free Communities initiative supports broad-based, multi-sector coalitions in the U.S. that are committed to ending hunger in their communities.