

2018-2019 ALLIANCE AMERICORPS VISTA

Hungry for Wins VISTA

Title: *AmeriCorps VISTA Member*
Placement Site: Hunger Impact Partners
Service Term: August 2, 2018 – August 1, 2019
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Seeking a talented team member who is motivated and passionate about helping kids who are food-insecure access meals. We design and execute awareness programs to improve utilization of school and after-school meals for students. We believe that with proper nutrition all kids can succeed in and out of the classroom. “Hungry for Wins” is our student nutrition initiative.

Hunger Impact Partners Overview

At Hunger Impact Partners we believe kids should only be hungry to learn.

498,681 MN kids are at risk for hunger. Nearly 1 in 6 kids live in food-insecure households. Unacceptable levels of food hardship exist among our kids, while federal child nutrition programs are drastically underutilized:

- Only 42% of school breakfasts available to low-income kids are served in MN schools.
- Only 4% of At-Risk After-School Meals are served to eligible youth.
- Only 63% of WIC meals are provided to eligible children.
- MN ranks 19th in ensuring kids have adequate summer nutrition.

At Hunger Impact Partners (HIP) we remove barriers to children’s participation in federal child nutrition programs and mobilize Minnesota business, philanthropic, and government leaders to join forces and improve the lives of almost 500,000 kids. Hunger Impact Partners is the only statewide non-profit who can orchestrate this effort. With agility and speed we focus on driving tailored, sustainable initiatives to overcome barriers to infant and toddler nutrition programs, school breakfasts, after-school meals, and summer feeding programs.

VISTA Responsibilities

The VISTA for Hunger Impact Partners will include the piloting and execution of:

- Media sponsorships and public service announcements
- Spokesperson support including logistics coordination
- Promotional events in community centers and schools
- Marketing materials including website
- School district outreach
- Liaison with student support organizations at schools
- Community and media relations including social media
- Coordination with Minnesota Department of Education
- Promotion and data updating for HIP’s Summer Eats Minnesota mobile app

Alliance VISTA Position Responsibilities

- Create or improve data systems to increase organization’s ability to track, evaluate, and replicate positive youth interventions
- Develop and implement a process for recruiting volunteers and caring adults to work with youth in areas such as mentoring, tutoring, civic engagement, and college/career exploration
- Convene partners to align goals and activities
- Assess community needs and conduct asset mapping

- Research best practices relating to educational equity (ex. access to reliable transportation, ensuring quality data is available and used to target students, providing effective alternative pathways and additional time to earn a diploma, etc.) and conduct literature reviews
- Reduce/eliminate duplication in educational equity efforts
- Identify and integrate best practices into communities and organizations
- Assist in the creation and promotion of the GradMinnesota Resource Library
- Create resources and materials to help inform the community and disseminate information
- Create or promote leadership and civic engagement opportunities for youth
- Help organize community meetings
- Develop communication tools
- Identify potential collaborators and partners
- Research youth-led programming models and identifying opportunities to engage youth in co-creating programming

AmeriCorps Eligibility Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National or have status as a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien
- Attend Pre-Service Orientation July 30-August 2, 2018
- *Please note that final candidates will be required to successfully pass a background check before being officially enrolled as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member.*

Alliance VISTA Qualifications

- Interest in youth, service, education, and non-profit work
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to deal effectively with a variety of tasks, priorities, and people in order to meet goals
- Self-motivated, able to work in a team, take initiative, and work independently
- Able to present oneself in a highly professional manner and be an ambassador of the program

Weekly Schedule

- Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00
- VISTA Members serve in a full-time capacity for a minimum of 40 hours per week during their term of service
- AmeriCorps VISTA Members may NOT be in school full-time or have another full-time position and serve with the Alliance

Benefits

As a full-term AmeriCorps member, VISTAs serve full time for 12 months & receive: Modest Living Allowance (approximately \$472 pre-tax biweekly); Health Care Allowance (~\$6,600 that can be applied to any out of pocket costs, cannot go towards premiums, non-essential health expenses, or dependents); Qualified Student Loan Forbearance; \$5,920 Education Award or cash stipend (approx. \$1,800) upon successful completion of service; \$550 service relocation allowance (for VISTAs relocating more than 50 miles,) and ongoing, extensive support and training.

TO APPLY: Please visit <https://mnyouth.net/amicorps> or contact the site contact listed above.

For general questions about serving as an AmeriCorps member through Minnesota Alliance With Youth, please contact our Recruitment Team at recruitment@mnyouth.net or 651-587-0531.

Please note:

- *We are committed to recruiting and engaging individuals without regard to disability, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.*
- *This position may not displace another employee or position in any way*
- *Reasonable accommodations provided upon request for interviews and service activities.*
- *This document is available in alternative formats.*