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2019-2020 ALLIANCE AMERICORPS VISTA

Youth Voice and Program VISTA

Title: Youth Voice and Program VISTA
Placement Site: Minnesota Alliance With Youth
Service Term: August 5, 2019 – August 3, 2020
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Are you passionate about education? Do you believe that ALL young people should have their voices heard and be supported in building their own futures? Join our team at Minnesota Alliance With Youth as the Youth Voice and Program AmeriCorps VISTA!

Alliance Overview

Minnesota Alliance With Youth works in partnership with youth to ensure that ALL young people have equitable educational opportunities that foster their individual assets, honor their voices, and prepare them to reach their goals.

VISTA Responsibilities

The 2019-20 Youth Voice and Program VISTA will increase accessibility to training curriculum and resources for supporting youth led movements with the goal of closing the achievement gap and amplifying youth voice, particularly young people of color and low-income youth. The VISTA will create and update centralized systems for programmatic initiatives; develop curriculum, training, and documentation materials for use by Alliance programs, specifically Youth Day at the Capitol and the Youth Educational Leadership Summit; and create and update tools and programs to strengthen and advance the Alliance network, specifically alumni engagement,

Alliance VISTA 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
- Create resources and materials to help inform the community and disseminate information

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
- *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 8:30am – 5:00pm
- AmeriCorps 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); \$300 toward professional development, \$200 per month grocery card, Health Care Allowance (~\$7,900 that can be applied to any out of pocket costs, cannot go towards premiums, non-essential health expenses, or dependents); Qualified Student Loan Forbearance; \$6,095 Education Award or cash stipend (approx.. \$1,800) upon successful completion of service; Ongoing, extensive support and training. For VISTAs relocating more than 50 miles: \$750 settling-in allowance in addition to mileage reimbursement.

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.*