

ANTI-HUNGER & OPPORTUNITY CORPS



About the Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps:

The national Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Program (AHOC), an initiative of Hunger Free America since 2010, is one of the largest anti-hunger AmeriCorps VISTA projects in the country. Its main focus is to fight hunger and improve nutrition, primarily by breaking down barriers to accessing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) as well as by expanding economic opportunity and ensuring healthy futures for all Americans, mostly through the SNAP Employment and Training program. Members also serve to increase the capacity of anti-hunger community organizations to help meet the needs of low-income community members, particularly to seniors, working families and non-English speaking populations.

Position Description:

The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore in partnership with Hunger Free America is seeking a full-time VISTA member to...

- Identify, engage and collaborate with a diverse array of organizations in our area to provide a series of educational sessions to low income clients that will enhance our clients' ability to break the cycle of poverty. The focus of this collaborative effort will concentrate on subjects such as: earning a GED, computer training, resume building, job search, budgeting, financial planning, cooking healthy on a low income budget, canning and freezing techniques and health clinic access.
- Plan and execute, in collaboration with community partners, a minimum of two training sessions per month offering educational programs on life skills.
- Determine appropriate incentives for training and completing course work. Long range we would like to find a way to collaborate with our donors to help students find employment.
- Recruit, manage, and train community volunteers to conduct screening and application assistance and to develop SNAP program materials and application assistance materials along with related trainings to community-based organizations.
- Improve access to nutritious food options by enhancing awareness of the availability of utilization of benefits at farmers' markets and provide nutrition education information and opportunities for low-income members.
- Assist community and faith-based organizations and state agencies in decreasing barriers and improving access to USDA FNS's SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Program in order to help enable people eligible for SNAP to obtain employment and/or increase their wages, with the hope that someday they will no longer need SNAP benefits.

Time Commitment:

This is a one year, full-time position beginning September 2017. You are expected to be available for the needs of your community and project at all times, including days, nights and weekends. Because AmeriCorps VISTA service requires a full immersion in the project and community, there are restrictions on outside full-time employment, along with some restrictions on political and religious activities. For more information, please review the AmeriCorps VISTA Terms, Conditions and Benefits information available here - <http://bit.ly/1dAs2FM>.

Housing:

You are responsible for finding your own housing. Hunger Free America offers a small housing assistance of no more than \$400 per service year to its members. However, members will need to fund their own housing outside of Hunger Free America's assistance.

Program Benefits:

- \$455.70 Living allowance, paid biweekly
- Segal Education Award (\$5,815) or End-of-Service stipend (\$1,500)
- Health benefits*
- Housing or alternative assistance of up to \$400
- Training support up to \$500
- 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

How to Apply:

Send Resume and Cover Letter to orfrecruiting@foodbankonline.org .

*Health benefits provided by participating in the AmeriCorps VISTA program currently do not meet the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act. If an AmeriCorps VISTA participant does not enroll in a separate program to meet this mandate, they may be assessed a penalty payment.