

 <p>State & National</p>		 <p>VISTA Volunteers In Service To America</p>
Managed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCS VISTA Headquarters • State Commission Office • National Headquarters of Non-Profits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCS at 5 regional campuses: Denver, CO; Sacramento, CA; Baltimore, MD; Vicksburg, MI; Vinton, IA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCS State Program Office
Model	<p>The purpose of AmeriCorps State and National is to engage AmeriCorps members in direct service and capacity-building to address critical community needs. The grant applicant designs service activities for a team of members serving full- or part-time for one year or during the summer.</p>	<p>The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based national and community service. In partnership with non-profits, local municipalities, state governments, federal government, national or state parks, Indian Tribes and schools, members complete service projects throughout the region they are assigned.</p>	<p>VISTA provides volunteers to support projects at nonprofit, grassroots organizations, and local government agencies that operate programs to help alleviate poverty in the United States. VISTAs strengthen and support these organizations by improving their infrastructure, expanding community partnerships, securing long-term resources, training program participants, and developing other activities that help build long-term sustainability for overcoming poverty.</p>
Volunteer Eligibility to Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over age 17 • Looking to put idealism into practice • Interested in earning money to pay for college or to pay off student loans • Eager to gain new skills—or to apply those already acquired • Interested in helping others and making a difference in the community • U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 18 - 24 • Seeking hands-on work • Interested in doing a variety of projects • Looking to relocate and travel during the service term • Willing to live in a dorm • Excited about living and working with a close-knit team • U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 18 years old • Concerned about poverty in America • Either a college graduate or have a few years of work experience and skills • An organizer, a resource-builder, a self-starter • Patient enough to work on a project that might not show results quickly • Interested in helping a low-income community establish a new program or enhance an existing program to help itself—and knowing it will continue long after the service year ends • Comfortable staying in one community for the entire year • U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident alien
Volunteer Benefits of Service	<p>Members may receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Segal AmeriCorps Education Award • Modest living allowance • Healthcare benefits while in service • Childcare assistance while in service • Housing assistance 	<p>Members receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Segal AmeriCorps • A living allowance of approximately \$4,000 for the 10 months of service (about \$200 every two weeks before taxes) • Housing • Meals • Healthcare benefits while in service • Up to \$400 a month for childcare • Member uniforms 	<p>Members receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or post-service stipend • Modest living allowance • Healthcare benefits while in service • Childcare assistance while in service • Student loan forbearance or deferment while in service • One year of noncompetitive status for a federal government job • Access to the network of VISTA & VISTA alumni (170,000 strong)
Volunteer Commitment	<p>Full- or part-time over a period not to exceed 12 months</p>	<p>Full time for 10 months</p>	<p>Full-time for 365 days</p>