



Recommendation for Potential VISTA Recruit

For your convenience, the DPI screens VISTA applicants who apply to the DPI VISTA Project online. For those applicants that we feel are qualified, the DPI VISTA Leader completes this recommendation form to assist your school with recruiting a VISTA member. This form highlights the applicant's philosophy on diversity and poverty, team-building skills, and particularly unique qualifications. Though we recommend you pursue this applicant for an interview, the decision to hire any applicant rests with your school.

Name of Applicant: Ima Vista

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• **Background information about the applicant**

Ima graduated from Sample State University this past December with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication and Public Relations. She is currently working as an Environmental Education Intern at a demonstration farm for urban children.

• **Examples of how the applicant exhibited signs of leadership, initiative, and teambuilding**

Ima has a lot of experience with volunteer organizations. She was the president of the International Association of Business Communicators, which offered local non-profits services in communications. She spent 2 ½ years as the publicity manager for the school's theater productions, and in this position she managed and supervised a team of volunteers. She has had several P.R. internships for museums and theaters, and as previously mentioned she is now interning which has also helped her in public speaking. She exhibits a high degree of independence as well as flexibility, patience, and leadership.

• **What the applicant hopes to gain from his/her experience as a VISTA**

Ima loves volunteering, and due to her internships she is no stranger to positions with modest stipends. She would like to work for a non-profit organization and gain experience, as she plans to pursue a master's degree in Non-profit Management. She hopes to be able to use and hone her skills to help others.

• **How the applicant views poverty and working with low-income, diverse communities**

In her current position, Ima has really enjoyed the opportunity to work with children of all backgrounds. The farm has an emphasis on promoting multiculturalism, and Ima would like to continue to work with diverse populations as a VISTA.

• **Other interesting qualities that make this applicant unique**

Ima speaks some Spanish, and she minored in Theater which she believes has helped her in performing and in public speaking.

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