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READY TO SERVE AS AN AMERICORPS VISTA?

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Joining AmeriCorps VISTA is a way to put your idealism into action. As an AmeriCorps VISTA member, you can help make the world a better place: build and strengthen nonprofit infrastructure, recruit and manage volunteers, and attract needed resources to organizations in low-income communities.

BENEFITS OF VISTA SERVICE

Living Allowance: Provides a living allowance to you to cover the cost of housing and other basic necessities. Amounts are low because you are expected to live at approximately the same economic level as the people in the community you are serving.

- VISTA Member Bi-Weekly Stipend: \$472.22 for Spokane County (before taxes)
- VISTA Leader Bi-Weekly Stipend: \$564.34 for Spokane County (before taxes)

End-of-Service Benefit: Eligible for either an education award or end-service cash stipend after successfully completing your year of service

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award: \$6,095 value
 - Voucher (not cash) that can be used to repay eligible student loans and pay future educational costs at eligible institutions of higher education
 - A postponement of payments on qualified student loans during the time served in AmeriCorps VISTA (called a forbearance)
 - A payment of up to 100% of the accrued interest
- End-Of-Service Cash Stipend: \$1,800 (before taxes)

Child Care: VISTAs with children under 13 may qualify for VISTA childcare benefits. Eligibility determined by age of children, total household income and state income limit. Compare the state child care benefits to the VISTA child care benefits to determine which program best supports your family.

NOTE: You cannot receive child care benefits from any other source if you are receiving VISTA child care subsidies.

- Child Care Benefit: Child care provider's rates or maximum allowable rate in state

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Healthcare: May opt into either the AmeriCorps VISTA Healthcare allowance -OR- the AmeriCorps VISTA Health Benefit Plan. In addition to an elected health benefit, AmeriCorps VISTA members can access telehealth, i.e. virtual care, at no cost. (Does not cover dependents or other individuals, e.g. spouse.)

Health Care Allowance:	A reimbursement program that covers up to \$7,150 in qualified out-of-pocket costs associated with healthcare
Health Plan Benefit:	Available to eligible VISTA members who are legally exempt from needing to maintain qualifying healthcare coverage during their term of service. (Does not cover pre-existing conditions.)
Telehealth:	Access to virtual care, allowing you to immediately see board certified physicians, psychologists, and other care providers 24/7/365 via phone or video chat

Travel: VISTA relocation travel assistance and a settling allowance available for authorized travel if you move more than 50 miles from your home to the community where you will serve.

- Travel to and from CNCS-sponsored training events and conferences (e.g., an in-person Pre-Service Orientation)
- Travel to and from the service site, prior to and after service, for members and leaders relocating more than 50 miles from their homes
 - Relocation Travel Allowance: This allowance is based on the direct mileage between your home address and your VISTA service site. The allowance is calculated at \$0.40 per mile and is paid eight to ten weeks after you submit a relocation voucher.
 - Settling-In Allowance: \$750 maximum (before taxes) to help with expenses such as deposits and utilities

Noncompetitive Eligibility (NCE): Upon successful completion of service, AmeriCorps VISTA alumni receive one year of NCE status - a special hiring eligibility that allows federal agencies to hire AmeriCorps VISTA alumni outside the traditional hiring process for federal jobs. (Does not guarantee employment.)

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