



NGHP anticipates recruiting 14 AmeriCorps VISTA members to start in November 2017. VISTAs will serve at non-profit agencies and schools in Whitfield, Murray, Catoosa and Gordon Counties in areas of Healthy Futures, Education, and Economic Opportunities.

How do I apply? All recruitment is completed 6 – 8 weeks before the start date. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a resume and letter of interest to Greg Dent at NGHP.

Please email your resume to gdent@nghp.org or fax it to 706.278.5941. You can also call Greg at 706.272.6662 if you have questions about the program.

What do VISTA members do? NGHP VISTA members serve full-time in local non-profit agencies and schools. VISTAs are responsible for recruiting volunteers to help create projects and programs that have an emphasis on Education, Healthy Futures, or Economic Opportunity.

What hours do VISTA members serve and what are the guidelines? AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members serve full-time for a year at nonprofit organizations or local government agencies to build the capacity of these organizations to carry out programs that alleviate poverty. VISTA members normally serve Monday through Friday however, from time-to-time a VISA member will need to serve in the evening or during the weekend if the site where they are placed has a special event or activity planned and it is appropriate for the VISTA to attend the event.

Guidelines to adhere to VISTA members are allowed to have a part-time job. The VISTA member will need to request approval, and the job cannot interfere with their AmeriCorps VISTA position; VISTA members can take classes (up to 6 credits per semester) but the classes cannot interfere with their AmeriCorps VISTA position (online or night classes preferred); VISTA service is “indirect” with a focus on assisting an organization with capacity building initiatives such as grant writing and fund-development,

program development, marketing and public relations, partnership development and volunteer recruitment and management strategies; and all VISTAs are required to attend Pre-Site Orientation (PSO) the week before their start date.

Who can apply? Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to apply. A college degree is preferred but not necessary, and as part of the interview process, there will be an assessment of writing and computer skills. VISTAs must be prepared to serve with the community (e.g. volunteers, parents, teachers, and staff) meaning that we are looking for positive, energetic, people with good communication skills. It helps if you have been involved in volunteering before, too!

What are the benefits? VISTAs gain valuable work and life experiences, as well as having the opportunity to network with non-profits, agencies, school administrators, and community members. The Corporation for National & Community Service, a federal agency, covers the cost of a series of benefits and services for the AmeriCorps VISTA members:

- \$5,815 education award or \$1,500 post-service stipend per member, paid upon completion of one year of service.
- \$1,023.14 a month living allowance (no other salary)
- Health coverage for all members
- Payroll services: Members receive their paychecks directly from AmeriCorps VISTA
- Training in project management and leadership for members
- Moving allowance for members relocating to serve (If moving 50 miles or more)
- Liability coverage for all members, under the Federal Employees Compensation Act and the Federal Torts Claims Act
- Non-Competitive Eligibility Status (NCE) for federal positions upon completion of one year of service.
- Child care for income-eligible members
- Ten vacation days, Ten sick days, and federal holidays that your organization recognizes.

If you are interested in serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA member in our community, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Greg Dent, Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, P.O. Box 182, Dalton, GA 30722 or gdent@nghp.org.