

Warren Wilson College Community Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA Position

NC Hunger Corps | AmeriCorps VISTA

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What is AmeriCorps VISTA?

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members bring passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to meet our nation's most pressing challenges and advance local solutions. AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity in nonprofit organizations and public agencies to help them more effectively generate the commitment of private sector resources, encourage volunteer service at the local level, and empower individuals and communities. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full time for one-year terms. Learn more at <https://americorps.gov/serve/fit-finder/americorps-vista>.

Organization Description:

NC Campus Engagement sponsors the NC Hunger Corps VISTA position at Warren Wilson College. The VISTA will serve in collaboration with the Community Engagement Office within the Center for Experiential Learning and its various community partners in the Asheville area working within the education sector.

- North Carolina Campus Engagement: Is a collaborative network of colleges and universities committed to educating students for civic and social responsibility, partnering with communities for positive change, and strengthening democracy. NC Campus Engagement manages AmeriCorps VISTA members to serve as part of the NC Afterschool Corps or the NC Hunger Corps. They support members by providing training, service support, professional development, and networking opportunities.
- Warren Wilson College Community Engagement Office: housed within the Center for Experiential Learning, this office serves the College by connecting every student to meaningful community engagement experiences while prioritizing the needs and priorities of a wide range of community partners. The office's work is divided into five main issue areas: Environment, Race & Immigration, Youth & Education, Food Security, and Housing & Homelessness. The focus of this position's work will be within the issue area of Food Security.

Project Goal

The purpose of the NC Hunger Corps position is to build the capacity of food security programs and address the negative impact of poverty on access to food and nutrition for low-income families in Buncombe County, NC. The position also works to expand campus and community partnerships, and to provide mentorship and capacity building for the *Box of Baguettes* student-run food pantry on campus.

Service Position Description

The NC Hunger Corps position will work to enhance the quality of food security programs with a wide range of organizations including Loving Food Resources, MANNA, Bounty & Soul, Shiloh Community Garden, Dr. Wilson Community Garden, Root Cause Farm, and Asheville Poverty Initiative and to recruit and train student volunteers and leaders to implement curriculum and enhance resources, strengthen partnerships, and explore new opportunities for collaboration. The position will be supervised by the Associate Director of Community Engagement, and will work in close collaboration with Bonner Leaders

and the Associate Director of the Bonner Leaders Program to run a logistically smooth and dynamic set of community engagement opportunities that respond to partners' needs and give ample opportunities to students for meaningful experiences and reflection.

Position Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years-old.
- Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident, and persons residing in a state that have the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status, or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status.
- Ability to serve **FULL-TIME for ONE YEAR** term of service (estimated start late July 2022 with service end date in July 2023)
- Pass a national service criminal history check (upon selection)
- Bachelor's degree from four-year institution strongly desired; 2-year degree and relevant experience will be considered.
- Experience working directly with a non-profit community serving organization (on a paid or volunteer basis).

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience writing grants, funding requests, or project proposals
- Driver's license and willingness to drive campus vans
- Experience planning events and programs
- Knowledge of or passion to address education and poverty initiatives
- Experience working on diverse teams and a demonstrated commitment to DEI

Position Benefits:

- Living Allowance of ~\$1,520.00/ month
- Choice of Education Award of \$6,895.00 or End of Service Stipend of \$1,800.00
- Housing Assistance (position will be housed in either a one-bedroom or two-bedroom staff apartment on campus– nothing fancy, but free!)
- Childcare assistance if eligible
- Health Coverage
- Relocation Allowance
- Training and professional development

*For more details about AmeriCorps VISTA benefits, please visit

<https://americorps.gov/members-volunteers/vista/benefits>

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