



## The NEED:

Every single young person has a fair chance to thrive — and they need your help. As a member of the Alliance's AmeriCorps [VISTA](#) program, you'll spend a year helping one of our partner organizations serve young people in Minnesota through capacity building, strengthening and connecting resources, and developing programs and processes. With your help, these organizations can create more effective and powerful solutions for young people facing poverty, racism, and educational inequities in our state. The work will be challenging. But you'll have the support you need to do it well, all year long — financial assistance, mentorship and leadership training, and the extraordinary community of your fellow VISTA members.

## About US:

Minnesota Alliance With Youth works in partnership with youth to ensure that ALL young people have equitable educational opportunities that foster their individual assets, honor their voices, and prepare them to reach their goals. We envision a Minnesota that supports young people in building their own present and future.

## You SERVE:

Through their service, Alliance VISTAs implement three key strategies:



- Build capacity at their host site organization to help address education inequities such as the achievement and opportunity gaps
- Coordinate efforts that bridge and build the integration of school and community-wide support for youth focused on providing and sharing resources that increase a young person's school attendance, behavior, and course performance (all indicators with a strong link to academic engagement and high school graduation)
- Actively engage youth as agents of change in closing the opportunity and achievement gaps in their communities.

## Member DUTIES:

The Youth Peer Leadership VISTA will increase the capacity of high school youth to make significant change in their communities through service-learning. The VISTA will create new materials (bibliography, presentations, blog posts, and other resources) on public health, safe driving, and behavior change topics. They will also revise NYLC's youth toolkit from older print editions to create more effective digital versions with updated activities. Finally, the VISTA will create a structure for youth to mentor other youth within the program

## Member SUPPORT:

The Minnesota Alliance With Youth AmeriCorps VISTA Program is committed to providing ongoing, extensive professional development and training to our AmeriCorps Members. As an Alliance AmeriCorps VISTA, you will gain behind-the-scenes experience at your host site, learn from mentors and peers, and benefit from a wide range of workshops and training led by community members and experts in the Alliance's statewide network. Your year as an Alliance AmeriCorps VISTA will empower you to develop your professional skills, make a difference for those you serve, and emerge as a leader in Minnesota's educational equity sector. The Alliance VISTA Program offers over 200 hours of training and Professional Development opportunities for members during their service year:

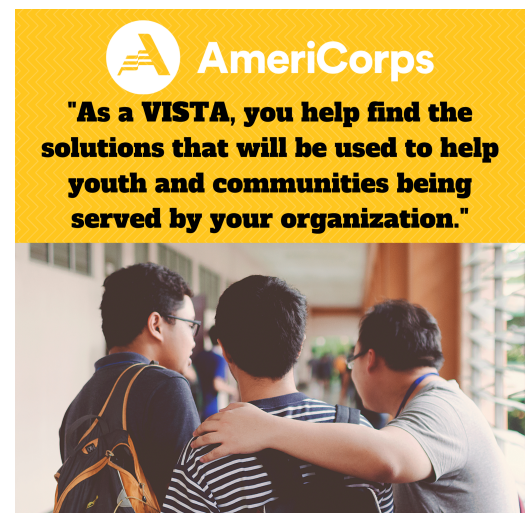
- On-site Orientation at your host-site to prepare you for your specific role.
- Monthly cohort trainings on a wide range of topics tailored to your specific interests and goals – ranging from education reform, the opportunity gap, conflict resolution, and much more.
- Opportunities for networking, personal growth and peer-learning as a member of a close-knit cohort of 15 Alliance AmeriCorps VISTAs.
- One on One support from a VISTA Leader and Alliance Trainer allows for individualized support and coaching throughout your service year.
- \$100 in Professional Development funds to use as you choose.
- And much more!

## You EARN:

- **AmeriCorps Living Stipend:** \$675.08 twice per month
- **[AmeriCorps Education Award:](#)** \$6,895.00 Education Award upon successful completion of service. This award can be used toward federally qualifying student loans or future post-secondary education. Members may waive the education award and choose a \$1,800 end-of-service cash stipend instead.
- **Benefits:** [Qualified student loan forbearance](#), [qualified child care assistance](#), Up to \$7,900 in a healthcare allowance plan for out of pocket health care costs, AmeriCoach life coach, [TAP transportation card \(metro area\)](#) \$500 in grocery or gas support

## Minimum REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years or older
- High School graduate with a Diploma or GED
- A U.S. Citizen, U.S. National or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States
- Not have served more than the allowed number of AmeriCorps terms previous to this term. [Eligibility based on AmeriCorps term limitations.](#)



- Able to pass a complete National Service Criminal Service History Background check (including National Sex Offender Registry, State of service and State of residence, and FBI checks) - [eligibility requirements listed here](#).

## Learn more about VISTA:

<https://mnyouth.net/AmeriCorps/#VISTA>

## This position starts July 31, 2023! Apply today:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=117562>

**We are accepting applications until May 31, 2023. Please contact Alex Soth at 612.476.0732 or [asoth@mnyouth.net](mailto:asoth@mnyouth.net) if you have any questions!**

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