



AmeriCorps

What is AmeriCorps VISTA?

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national and community service. Their mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps VISTA, or **V**olunteers **I**n **S**ervice **T**o **A**merica, is one of the programs through which they do so.

Since 1965, over 220,000 AmeriCorps members in the VISTA program have joined the fight against poverty by helping local organizations expand their capacity to make change. The VISTA program serves in each of the 50 U.S. states and in all U.S. territories.

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods manages a grant and serves as the intermediary sponsor for several organizations hosting AmeriCorps VISTA members in and around Muskogee.

All VISTA members' pay (referred to as a *living allowance*) and end of service stipends and/or Segal Education Awards are paid by and through AmeriCorps. Note that VISTA members are not considered *employees* of either the federal government or of the sponsoring organization, i.e. Neighbors Building Neighborhoods, nor are they considered *volunteers*. Legally, VISTA members are *service members*, and they receive *non-employee compensation*.

Eligibility requirements:

- Be 18+ years old (no upper age limit);
- Hold one of the following citizenship or legal residency statuses:
 - o US Citizen,
 - o US National,
 - o Lawful Permanent Resident (i.e. Green Card status), or
 - o Persons legally residing within a state.
- Pass a criminal background check.

2026 Summer Associate VISTA Program

The AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate program offers individuals the opportunity to become engaged in the community through an existing AmeriCorps VISTA project for 9 weeks during the summer (June–July).

Summer Associates program terms:

- Members receive a living allowance (bi-weekly pay of \$957.46, totaling ~\$4,308 for the 9 weeks)
- End of Service Award – members choose between a Segal Education Award to pay for a range of education expenses or a cash stipend to receive at the end of their service term.
 - o The Segal Education Award for summer is worth \$1,565.08.
 - o The cash stipend is \$311.22.
 - o Members choose which they want at the beginning of the service term and **CANNOT CHANGE THEIR CHOICE LATER.**
- The service term is June 1–July 31. Each service site has varying work hours.
- Job postings should be released by **April 6, 2026.**
- The Neighbors Building Neighborhoods 2026 VISTA Summer Associate service sites are:
 - o NBN - Dream Team Summer Learning Program (@ MLK Center/Mornings)
 - o NBN - Community Treasures Youth Summer Camp (@ MLK Center/Afternoons)
 - o NBN - Summer Food Service Program (@ MLK Center/Kitchen)
 - o NBN - Night Hoops Program (@ Muskogee Teen Center)
 - o NBN - Muskogee Farmers Market
 - o Muskogee Community Band
 - o Muskogee STEAM Center
 - o Muskogee Little Theatre
 - o Project Transformation
 - o Youth Volunteer Corps of Muskogee

All interested candidates must submit their applications no later than **April 27, 2026**. See attached page for important application instructions.