



2023 AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Program

May 1, 2023 – September 2, 2023

The VISTA program allows for existing project sponsors to supplement their project's approved anti-poverty activities with an infusion of hands-on volunteers during the summer months. AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program can perform capacity building activities and/or direct service activities.

Service Lengths

Summer Associates must serve one of the following term lengths:

8-week term → 56 days



9-week term → 63 days



10-week term → 70 days

Oaths of Service

All AmeriCorps members must take and submit the Oath of Service on their first (1st) day of service.

To take the Summer Associate Oath, all individuals must join a call (video or voice) at noon ET or 4 p.m. ET on their first day using the call-in information below:

To Join the Video Call: [CLICK HERE](#)

To Join Audio Only: **Phone:** 202.400.2121

Meeting ID: 238 884 241 521

Taking the Oath on the first day of service is a requirement and must be a priority for all AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program and sponsors.

If an individual misses the oath due to technical difficulties or other issues, they must contact VMSU_Summer@cns.gov as soon as possible to have their oath administered on the first day of service.

Summer Associate VISTA Gear

All program directors will receive an email from VISTAGear@cns.gov prior to May 1 with guidance on how to order VISTA Gear for AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program.

Please work with your regional office if an update to the program director for your project is needed.

End-of-Service Awards

AmeriCorps members have the choice between the End-of-Service Cash Stipend or a Summer Education Award*

Individuals are required to select their End-of-Service Award before their first day of service. AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program CANNOT change their selection once they start service.

Summer Benefit	Amount
Summer Education Award	\$1,459.26
Cash Stipend – 8 weeks	\$276.64
Cash Stipend – 9 weeks	\$311.22
Cash Stipend – 10 weeks	\$345.80

**By law, only members who are either: US citizens, US nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens are eligible to receive an education award. Persons legally residing in a state, but who are not US citizens, US nationals, or lawful permanent residents, are only eligible to receive an end-of-service stipend.*

Enrollment Deadlines

AmeriCorps members must be enrolled at least 2-weeks prior to their start date.

The table below outlines the enrollment deadline for all start dates.

Start Dates	Enrollment Deadlines
5/1/2023 - 5/6/2023	April 16, 2023
5/7/2023 - 5/13/2023	April 23, 2023
5/14/2023 - 5/20/2023	April 30, 2023
5/21/2023 - 5/27/2023	May 7, 2023
5/28/2023 - 6/3/2023	May 14, 2023
6/4/2023 - 6/10/2023	May 21, 2023
6/11/2023 - 6/17/2023	May 28, 2023
6/18/2023 - 6/24/2023	June 4, 2023
6/25/2023 - 7/1/2023	June 11, 2023
7/2/2023 - 7/9/2023	June 18, 2023

Transitioning to Full-Term Members

AmeriCorps members must end their term prior to the VISTA Member Orientation for their full-term.

To ensure an early exit is not required, please refer to VISTA Member Orientation dates when determining Summer Associate start and end dates.

The AmeriCorps VISTA Member Orientation dates for Summer 2023 are:

VISTA Member Orientation Start Date	Enrollment Deadline
June 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
June 20, 2023	June 2, 2023
July 17, 2023	June 30, 2023
July 31, 2023	July 14, 2023
August 14, 2023	July 28, 2023
August 21, 2023 (Spanish VMO)	August 4, 2023
August 28, 2023	August 11, 2023

Please note that there will not be another VISTA Member Orientation, opportunity for individuals to start a full year VISTA Term after the August 28 VISTA Member Orientation until at least late October.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Placement/Enrollment

Can I enroll someone in a Summer Associate event after the deadline of the event?

No. All individuals should be placed for service prior to the enrollment deadline.

If circumstances necessitate having to place applicants after the deadline, you should notify your regional office ASAP.

Can an AmeriCorps member start service in the Summer Associate program if their background check hasn't been completed?

Yes, however all individuals must start the background check process by completing their requirements prior to the start of their service. If an individual does not start the process before their start date, they will need to delay their start of service.

Summer Associate Benefits

Can an AmeriCorps member in the Summer Associate program receive the relocation benefit?

No. There are no relocation benefits for the Summer Associate program.

Do AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program receive leave?

Yes, AmeriCorps members are entitled to 3 service days of leave during each Summer Associate term of service.

Citizenship/SSN

How long does it take to manually update Citizenship/SSN?

The entire process can take up to 15 days once an individual accepts a position to finalize verify their citizenship status.

If an individual will need their citizenship status manually verified please take this into account when scheduling start dates.

If you have questions or need assistance, VISTAFingerprint@cns.gov.

Close of Service

I have an AmeriCorps member who wants to serve full-time in the VISTA program. What is the process and when can they start?

AmeriCorps members serving in the Summer Associate program must apply to and be accepted separately for a full-term VISTA term. As long as the Summer Associate term ends prior to the start of the full-term service, you can start the process at any time. If the AmeriCorps member wants to start a full-term prior to the end of their Summer Associate term, they will need to be early exited from their Summer Associate term. Please know that there may be a break in service up to 10 days between the summer term and full-term. Please contact your regional office for specific dates and details.

Can an AmeriCorps members serve back-to-back Summer Associate terms?

Yes. If the individual can complete two Summer Associate terms in one summer and the timing allows.

If an AmeriCorps member will not serve, what should I do?

Please contact your regional office as soon as you are aware an individual will not serve in the Summer Associate program. The email should include the individual's name and National Service Participant ID number.