



WHY SERVE WITH US?

BENEFITS OF THE HABITAT AMERICORPS VISTA PROGRAM

Serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA member offers you several benefits. AmeriCorps VISTA members leverage human, financial, and material resources to build long-term solutions to poverty. They make a needed impact in one of six roles – Resource Development, ReStore development, Volunteer Development, Family Services Development, Construction Systems, and Project Development.

AmeriCorps VISTA members gain the following:

- Satisfaction of making a difference in their community and country.
- Work and life skills that translate directly into job experience.
- The personal satisfaction of accepting challenges and seeing results.
- Teamwork, communication, and other essential skills.

Their program benefits include the following:

- Monthly living allowance ranging from \$973 to \$1,650. Note that it is determined by the service location and is subject to change, and that most locations are on the lower end of this range.
- \$5,730 Education Award or end-of-service stipend of \$1,500 after the successful completion of service. The Segal Education Award is good for seven years from the completion of service and can be used to repay **qualified** student loans or for future education at eligible schools. More information at www.nationalserviceresources.gov/edaward.
- Possible forbearance of **qualified** student loans. Note that interest continues to accrue. However accrued interest on **qualified** loans is eligible for payment by the National Service Trust.
- Health plan benefits. Members are eligible to enroll in either a limited plan that does **not** meet the minimum requirements of the Affordable Care Act **or** sign up for an allowance to supplement some of the out-of-pocket, non-premium costs of a plan that is secured on your own. For more information, please visit www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare.
- 10 personal and 10 sick days
- Childcare benefits if you qualify. Details about the childcare benefits can be found at www.americorpschildcare.com.
- Non-competitive hiring status for federal government jobs for one year after the member's service.
- VISTAs **may not** have outside employment while serving. However, VISTAs may attend school while serving if their supervisor approves and the class hours do not conflict with their full-time service schedule.
- Upon completion of your service, you will become a member of the Habitat AmeriCorps Alumni Association. Visit www.habitat.org/ameriCorps/alums for more information about benefits and opportunities.

Attending a groundbreaking ceremony, it was great to see the three children and know that thanks to their new Habitat home and the work of their parents, they would have opportunities that they previously would not have dreamed of. I was proud to know that my efforts and the efforts of my colleagues made it possible.

-Simon Hansen,
West Hawaii Habitat AmeriCorps

