
WACC AmeriCorps VISTA Position Description

Host Site Name: Eastern Washington University
Department: Office of Community Engagement
Position Title: Community Outreach Coordinator

Project Title: Eagle Volunteers! Food Outreach Program
Project Supervisor: Dr. Brian Davenport

Position Summary:

The Eagle Volunteers! Food Outreach Program seeks to build community capacity by increasing the number of EWU students engaged in community-based work in the focus area of food security and nutritional education. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will work with agency partners to determine critical community needs and programming gaps for those with a lack of access to healthy food and nutritional education. The VISTA member will develop a student leadership team that will recruit, train and manage volunteers serving within agencies focused on providing access to healthy food and to nutritional education. The VISTA member will focus efforts based on results of a campus and community needs assessment. Finally, the VISTA member will develop a plan to meet the needs of food insecure EWU students.

Major responsibilities and activities:

- Develop, train and support a student leadership team which recruits and manages student volunteers
- Research and develop strategies for recruiting and retaining first generation college students and student veteran volunteers.
- Meet with local agencies to assess needs, determine partnership possibilities, design projects and assess partnership quality
- Support community and campus anti-hunger efforts by engaging EWU student volunteers in projects that increase access to fresh, healthy food and/or provide nutritional education to promote healthy eating
- Plan, coordinate and implement community-service projects for National Days of Service

Term of service: 365 days, averaging 40 hrs /week

Location: Cheney, WA

Qualifications:

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- At least 18 years of age, U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or person residing legally in Washington State
- Ability to make a full-year commitment
- Interest and/or experience in community service and/or community development
- Effective oral and written communication skills with diverse populations, including multicultural experience and cross-cultural communication skills
- Proficient in Google platform, MS Office, Adobe products, social media, and database management
- Ability to organize, prioritize and perform multiple work assignments
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as necessary
- Ability to pass criminal background check

AmeriCorps VISTA benefits:

- Bi-weekly living allowance
- Relocation and settling-in allowance, if moving more than 50 miles to serve
- Post-service \$5,815 Education Award or \$1,500 end-of-term cash award

- One year of non-competitive eligibility (NCE) for federal government jobs
- Basic health coverage, student loan forbearance, and basic child care assistance when applicable
- Paid round-trip ticket to pre-service orientation and reimbursed travel expenses when applicable
- Extensive training, professional development, and networking opportunities
- Access to AmeriCorps network

Site specific benefits:

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