

**WAKE COUNTY FOOD SECURITY
AMERICORPS VISTA SERVICE POSITIONS
November 2018-2019**



Wake Food Security Project Description:

Wake Food Security Collaborative is invested in making food accessible across Wake County. Residents experience amplified compression of the effects of poverty and experience marginal access to nutritious foods, relying on what is available, affordable, and close to their homes. The goal of this project is to support communities in Wake County by improving their quality of life through improved food access and/or microenterprise development. As partners, we have aligned collective resources including the residents of these communities, to bridge gaps in resources; simultaneously building the capacity of residents who will collectively benefit the community via their contributions. Our VISTA members work in a variety of positions including data analysis & mapping of food insecurity, strengthening our local food policy council - The Capital Area Food Network, building the capacity of residents in the most vulnerable regions of SE Raleigh and Eastern Wake County, building the capacity of school and community gardens, and assisting with increasing the number of youth served and partners engaged in the Summer Food Service Program. Our program allows VISTA members to gain valuable skills, network with countless organizations, and most importantly, to be a part of making Wake County a more food secure and thriving place for all its residents. All positions are full-time and VISTA members serve yearlong terms with the option of serving two years and receiving two education awards.

Positions being filled for a November start are listed below, and include: Social & Economic Vitality Strategist VISTA, Summer Food Service Program Coordinator VISTA, School and Community Garden Program Coordinator VISTA.

Applicants must apply through My AmeriCorps. Application requires creation of a profile and application before applying to individual listings.

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VISTA BENEFITS:

Living Allowance: Approximately \$1026.00/month (pre-tax)

Choice of Following: End of Service Education Award of \$5,920 **OR** End-of-Service Cash Stipend of \$1800.00

Relocation Allowance: Up to \$1000.00 relocation expenses covered if moving more than 50 miles.

Settling In Allowance: Up to \$550.00 for settling in expenses (utilities, deposits, etc.)

Mileage Reimbursement: Provided by host sites

Health Care & Child Care Info: See benefit Guide for more details

More information on Benefits:

<https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>

HIRING TIMELINE

Interview Dates: October 15, 16, 17

Hire Date: October 19, 2018

Service Term: November 13, 2018 – November 12, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Wake Food Security: Summer Food Service Program Coordinator

Location: Raleigh, NC (housed with Wake County Cooperative Extension & 4-H Youth Development Public Health Team). May require travel to other locations in Wake County.

AmeriCorps Posting ID: 73858

Position Description:

The Summer Food Service Program allows youth across the United States to have access to balanced meals during the summer months. The program is focused on supporting the children who rely on free and reduced-price lunch to supplement meals provided at home. Families can locate summer food sites near their homes and may be able to receive breakfast, lunch, a snack and dinner, depending on what the site offers. As a federally funded program, there is a level of support needed to walk program stakeholders through the process of becoming an SFSP Site or Sponsor. Additionally, there are logistical issues that may hinder residents from utilizing the program that need to be better understood. This VISTA position will work alongside many partners and the Food Security Program Manager to better understand support needed and to develop resources and manuals that document and support best practices.

The SFSP Program Coordinator VISTA will build the capacity of the Wake Summer Food Program through resource development, program coordination, and development of best practice manuals. They will engage stakeholders involved in the SFSP Program to gather valuable insight and inform the work of the Food Security Program Manager and SFSP workgroups. The VISTA will monitor implementation of the 2019 SFSP Improvement Plan and provide suggestions for improvement to the Food Security Program Manager. Support from the evaluation team will assist the VISTA in developing and launching surveys and assessments. Additionally, the VISTA will assist the activities workgroup to position community partners at SFSP sites in need of programming and develop resources for the program as needed. Resources may include volunteers, financial support, acquiring games & program materials, or securing institutional buy in.

Candidate Qualifications:

The position requires strong communication and problem-solving skills, the ability to work both independently and in a team environment, flexibility, and some knowledge of hunger relief programs. Knowledge of the Summer Food Service Program, community engagement strategies, and youth development are a plus. The individual should be well organized, dependable, flexible, and comfortable with public speaking and facilitating meetings. A college degree is recommended, but applications are not limited to if there is extensive experience.

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