JOIN AMERICORPS

Best decision ever. Make a difference in West Virginia, find a career, get $$. 

AMERICORPS ON THE FRONTLINE

Help improve high school graduation rates—be a mentor! AmeriCorps on the Frontline members work with students to improve attendance, behavior, and course performance in grades 3-12. Members serve in Berkeley, Cabell, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Pleasants, Randolph, Ritchie, Wayne, and Wood counties. Visit educationalliance.org or (304) 342-7849.

APPALACHIAN FOREST HERITAGE AREA (AFHA)

In the scenic eastern mountains of West Virginia, AFHA AmeriCorps members improve ecosystems, provide outreach, and environmental education. AmeriCorps members provide hands-on historic preservation and improve heritage museums. Visit appalachianforest.us or call (304) 636-6182.

APPALACHIA HEALTHCORPS

Play a hands-on role in creating a healthy future in West Virginia! AmeriCorps members promote healthy choices through education, weight loss, nutrition, and physical activity. Change lives by teaching chronic disease self-management through healthy lifestyle choices. Members serve throughout the state. Call (740) 350-9943 for more information.

ENERGY EXPRESS

Need a summer gig? Love kids? Energy Express AmeriCorps members promote successful reading skills for more than 3,000 children throughout state during the summer. Children receive two nutritious meals each day, and with AmeriCorps members serving as mentors, they participate in reading, writing, recreation and drama activities. Positions available throughout the state. Visit energyexpress.ext.wvu.edu or call (304) 293-3855.

GROW OHIO VALLEY

Follow the path food travels from farm to fork! Located in Wheeling, Grow Ohio Valley AmeriCorps members build a thriving community through local food. Rotate through all of Grow Ohio Valley’s programs, including urban farming, community education, and food security. Visit growov.org or call (304) 233-4769.

AMERICORPS BENEFITS

- Monthly living stipend
- Education Award for college or student loans
- Health insurance
- Student loan forbearance
- Career development
- Knowing you made West Virginia a better place

HIGH ROCKS

High Rocks AmeriCorps members address youth empowerment, housing, local food, volunteerism, and more. Their mission is to educate, empower, and inspire young people to build a strong and sustainable West Virginia. Visit highrocks.org, or call (304) 653-4891.

LIFEBRIDGE

Make a difference in your community. LifeBridge AmeriCorps members, serving in 21 counties, give a hand up to families across the Mountain State through financial education, Veterans assistance, and high school credit recovery. Visit lifebridgewv.org, or call (304) 340-3593.

PRESERVATION WV

Preservation WV AmeriCorps members help main streets thrive, help communities capture their local history, and preserve beloved West Virginia landmarks. Members’ service emphasizes community development and revitalization through projects focused on historic preservation, volunteer management, and heritage tourism development. Visit pawv.org or call (304) 345-6005.

MORE ON BACK!
Step by Step Strengths Corps
Help build a new future in the Southern coal fields. Serving Boone, Logan, Lincoln, Kanawha, and Roane counties, Step by Step Strength Corps helps at-risk students build resiliency to graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to successfully transition to a career, college, or technical school. Visit www.stepbystepwv.org or call (304) 414-4452.

Step by Step – VISTA
Decrease substance abuse rates at the local level, increase access to healthy foods for families in recovery with young children, assist at-risk students in identifying and building on existing strengths in order to build their resiliency, and assist parents in becoming better advocates for their children’s academic needs. Positions available statewide. Visit stepbystepwv.org or call (304) 414-4452.

West Virginia’s Promise – VISTA
Support West Virginia’s Five Promises to Children and Youth. Work with community partners to ensure children have the conditions they need to achieve adult success: the help and guidance of caring adult relationships, healthy childhoods, safe surroundings, effective education and opportunities to serve others. Visit fivepromises.wv.gov, or call (304) 661-1460.

WV Strong – VISTA
WV Strong AmeriCorps VISTAs help military families get the support they need: housing services, noncriminal legal assistance, hospice care employment, transportation, and military family services. Additionally, VISTAs serve with the disaster services program to help engage community volunteers in disaster recovery after the historic 2016 floods. For more information call (304) 558-0111.

WV Collaborative Direct AmeriCorps
Help your fellow WVU classmates graduate college! AmeriCorps members serve as Peer First Year Transition Leaders or Innovative Service Champions for fellow college students who are at risk for dropping out of school. In exchange, AmeriCorps members receive professional development and an Education Award to pay for school or repay student loans. Visit https://service.wvu.edu/ or call (304) 293-8761.

Southern Appalachian Labor School – VISTA
Serve in beautiful Fayette County, housing included! Members will assist with activities pertaining to a demonstration farm, financial independence, housing repair volunteer recruitment, and affordable housing for Veterans. Visit sals.info or call (304) 250-7627.

West Virginia University – VISTA Collaborative – VISTA
Be a part of an exciting VISTA project at WVU! Members serve in a variety of programs which include Veterans’ Affairs, Adventure WV, Addiction Studies, Collegiate Recovery, the Student Food Pantry, Fostering Fairmont, ASPIRE/Peace Corps Prep, Sociological Database Design, the Community Leadership Academy, and more. Visit service.wvu.edu or call (304) 293-8348.

WV Community Development Hub – VISTA
Build thriving communities. Connect communities with the resources to grow in economic, civic and social health. VISTA members perform activities such as research grants to aid community projects, and recruit volunteers and VISTA members, and develop presentations to gain support and understanding of the Hub’s mission. Visit wvhub.org or call (304) 533-1077.

Marshall University Community Health Workers in West Virginia – VISTA
Create healthy futures in West Virginia communities! Help build infrastructure to deliver evidence based preventive programs, help develop a Community Health Worker system that connects people to much needed health care, and help communities take actions that make healthy choices easier. For more information, call (740) 350-9943.

National Coal Heritage Area Authority – VISTA
Make Southern West Virginia shine. Promote economic development through community revitalization and community based development. VISTAS serve in local small non-profits that use community volunteers to provide basic health education, literacy, housing, child mentoring, and other basic services. Visit coalheritage.org or call (304) 465-3720.

STEM Works – VISTA
Help prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Members help high schools build Makerspaces and use technology to boost student achievement. Visit educationalliance.org or call (304) 342-7849.

United Way of Central WV – VISTA
Empower children and adults to live healthier lives and link them with the educational tools to bring themselves out of poverty. VISTAs serve in schools & after school programs, adult basic education sites, FRNs & Starting Points. Members focus on educational opportunities, and the importance of health, fitness and nutrition for adults and children. Visit unitedwaywv.org or call (304) 340-3620.

Senior Corpors
Are you 55 years or older? Senior Corps may be the perfect fit for you!

Each year more than 2,700 West Virginia seniors met critical community needs while contributing to longer, healthier lives through one of three Senior Corps programs: RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents.

RSVP
RSVP is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. You can use the skills and talents you’ve learned over the years, or develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within your community.

To learn more about Senior Corps call (304) 347-5246.

Senior Companions
Senior Companions provide assistance and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills. They help these adults remain independent in their homes instead of having to move to more costly institutional care.

Foster Grandparents
Foster Grandparents serve as one-on-one as tutors, mentors, and friends to young people with exceptional needs.

Foster Grandparents call (304) 533-1077.