

WHY BECOME AN AZFBN VISTA?

Looking for a way to impact your community? Want to fight poverty by tackling food insecurity in Arizona? Becoming an AmeriCorps/VISTA (Volunteer In Service to America) member might be for you!

The Arizona Food Bank Network is filling several positions at food banks and smaller agencies across the state that help food-insecure Arizonans get the food they need for their families. Being "food secure", or having physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets food preferences and dietary needs at all times, is the first step to long-term change.

The vision of Arizona Food Bank Network is a hunger-free Arizona; and the mission that supports this calls us to "develop solutions to end hunger through food banking, public policy, and innovation." VISTA is a national AmeriCorps program with the goals of building organizational capacity and eliminating poverty nationwide.

Become a VISTA through AzFBN and help create lasting change by working in innovative roles throughout the state of Arizona!

You'll enhance your knowledge and develop skills in positions that include volunteer engagement, digital marketing, urban farming, sustainability training, storytelling, outreach to older adults, tribal food sovereignty, youth empowerment, food systems solutions, and much more!

To be eligible, you must be 18+ and US Citizen, national or legal resident, and need to commit to one year of work for 40 hours each week. Outside work is permitted with approval from the site; the actual organization where you will serve.

Additionally, solid interpersonal skills and a team-orientation is helpful. People who fit best with this program are organized, reliable, committed, passionate, and ready to make a difference! Foreign language skills (especially Spanish) are a plus.



COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS

A big question always surrounds compensation and other benefits, so here are some details:

- The AmeriCorps VISTA Member Living Allowance for Arizona is \$675 biweekly, or \$17,600 per year.
- You will receive days off and sick days.
- At the end of your service you'll qualify for "End of Service Awards" which are currently Educations Credits of \$6,345, or a Cash Award of \$1,800).
- Student Loan Forbearance/Deferment Information is available.



- Health Coverage is provided free of charge from IMG (the AmeriCorps provider) or you can elect to receive up to \$8,550 in reimbursement for health costs.
- Child Care Benefits (if eligible, this is reimbursement based).
- 1 year of non-competitive eligibility for federal employment.
- Relocation assistance (if needed) through the "Relocating to Serve" Policy which includes \$0.40 per mile and up to \$750 in settling allowances.
- Access to professional development opportunities

For more information email americorps@azfoodbanks.org.

Help us end hunger in Arizona!

