

# Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps\*VISTA

## WHAT IS AMERICORPS\*VISTA?

AmeriCorps \*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a full-time national service program for men and women ages 18 and older interested in developing lasting solutions to the problems of poverty in America. AmeriCorps\* VISTA members address the problems of poverty in communities by organizing community resources and building capacity of the low-income communities.



## MICHIGAN CAMPUS COMPACT AMERICORPS \*VISTA PROJECT:

Michigan Campus Compact AmeriCorps \*VISTA members organize and facilitate service opportunities for college students across the state of Michigan. The MCC AmeriCorps \*VISTA members play an essential role in the promotion of service, civic engagement, and community involvement on college campuses. Through their work on campus and in the community, \*VISTA members are able to address the needs of their community.

## EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES OF MCC AMERICORPS \*VISTA MEMBERS:

- Recruit, train, and coordinate student volunteers
- Provide leadership development, training, and reflection activities to volunteers
- Participate in service learning and co-curricular service
- Match community organizations with appropriate college or university resources and personnel
- Educate students and campuses about community needs and poverty-related issues
- Develop partnerships with community agencies focusing on children and youth living in poverty

## BENEFITS

- Annual living allowance of \$10,296-\$11,235 depending on county of service
- Education Award of \$4,725 or End-of-Service Stipend of \$1,200 upon completion
- Student Loan forbearance, if applicable
- Training and professional development
- Some Health Benefits
- Childcare assistance subsidies (if eligible)

## REQUIREMENTS

- College Degree
- Strong interest and experience in college service programs
- Commitment to the mission of the project and its impact on communities
- Knowledge of and interest in working with students and diverse groups of people
- Proven leadership, public speaking and event planning experience and/or abilities
- Strong organizational skills, project and multi-task management
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to drive and access to a vehicle
- Ability to make a full-year commitment
- Strong interest in poverty reduction initiatives
- Volunteer Experience

## 2009-2010 HOST SITE CAMPUSES

- Alma College
- Central Michigan University
- Davenport University
- Delta College
- Eastern Michigan University
- Grand Rapids Community College
- Jackson Community College
- Kellogg Community College
- Kirtland Community College
- Lawrence Technological University
- Madonna University
- Michigan Campus Compact
- Oakland Community College
- Oakland University
- Olivet College
- Schoolcraft College
- University of Michigan-Dearborn
- University of Michigan-Flint
- Wayne State University

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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