



Kentucky Association of Food Banks
Position Description: AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Location: Berea, Kentucky

Reports to: Programs Coordinator

VISTA Position description: The Ending Hunger in KY VISTA will increase the capacity of our organization to end hunger in Kentucky by increasing the amount of food available for hungry Kentuckians and by increasing awareness of hunger in Kentucky and solutions to it. This project will prioritize efforts to document testimonial stories of food bank clients and to recruit and manage volunteers to “glean” extra produce from farmers’ fields for donation to food banks. This work will alleviate poverty by providing crucial food resources to food-insecure families in Kentucky, thereby freeing up tight resources to be used for other expenses, such as utilities, rent and/or medical care.

Primary responsibilities:

- Assess the current state of volunteer recruitment processes and materials utilized by KAFB and its members; create or revise the processes and materials as necessary to improve effectiveness.
- Help implement and expand the Farms to Food Banks and Hunters for the Hungry programs to increase access to fresh produce and protein among low-income Kentuckians.
- Work to increase public awareness of the causes of and solutions to hunger in Kentucky by managing KAFB’s social media accounts.
- Work to increase KAFB’s financial sustainability.
- Provide support to the food bank network in Kentucky by working to establish or strengthen partnerships that result in an increased amount food provided to hungry Kentuckians.

Preferred skills, experience, background and education:

- Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university (required).
- Knowledge of and experience with issues related to hunger, poverty, farming, and/or nutrition.
- Proficiency in MS Office, photo-editing software such as Canva or Adobe Photoshop, and Internet.
- Excellent written, oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple projects while maintaining attention to detail and adhering to deadlines.
- Good judgment and discretion; strong ethical character capable of handling confidential information.
- Must have a current driver’s license and reliable transportation.

About AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) is a federal program that provides individuals a chance to serve their country for a year through fighting poverty and engaging in community development. An AmeriCorps VISTA position is a 12-month commitment to service. VISTA members receive an annual living allowance of \$11,340. After completing their term of service, VISTA members are also eligible to receive either a \$5,920 education award or an end-of-service \$1,800 cash stipend. VISTA Members receive health benefits. All US Citizens, natural or legal permanent resident aliens, 18 years or older are eligible to apply. For more information, visit My.AmeriCorps.gov.

Candidates must complete their AmeriCorps application and Toward a Sustainable Kentucky survey at <http://www.kycompact.org./programs/vista/>.

Organizational overview:

The Kentucky Association of Food Banks (KAFB) is comprised of seven regional food banks that serve all 120 counties of Kentucky and feed 1 in 7 Kentuckians annually. Our mission is to provide food and quality services to increase the capacity of Kentucky's Feeding America food banks to end hunger. Last year, our members distributed 68 million meals in partnership with over 800 charitable feeding agencies, including pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. For more information visit www.kyfoodbanks.org.

Inquiries:

Submit resume and cover letter to info@kafb.org. Reference "AmeriCorps VISTA member" in the subject line. No calls please.

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