



Kentucky Campus Compact (KyCC) VISTA

General AmeriCorps Project Information: KyCC is a statewide coalition of Kentucky colleges and universities, promoting college access, college attainment, and community impact. The KyCC VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program places VISTA members throughout the Commonwealth to combat poverty and build capacity in community organizations, Kentucky colleges and universities, the Appalachian Region and the Kentucky Promise Zone. KyCC achieves its anti-poverty goals through service activities in the following focus areas: Economic Opportunity, Education, and Healthy Futures.

VISTA Terms & Benefits:

- AmeriCorps VISTA is open to all U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens age 18 and older
 - Full-time (40 hours/week), one-year commitment
 - Monthly living allowance of \$945 per month (\$11,340/year) before taxes
 - Upon completion, choose between education award (\$6,095) or cash award (\$1,800)
 - Forbearance/deferment of federal student loans payments
 - Eligible to receive healthcare allowances
 - Vacation (10) and Sick days (10)
 - May be eligible for relocation reimbursement (must be relocating 50 miles or more for service; \$1,500 value)
 - Access to professional development and training opportunities
 - Additional resources: <https://www.vistacampus.gov/in-service/benefits-service>
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Service Site Specific Information:

Hindman Settlement School Community Agriculture Support Coordinator VISTA
Hindman, KY
Contact: Jason Brashear, jbrashear@hindmansettlement.org

VISTA Position Description: The Community Agriculture Support Coordinator will support agriculture and entrepreneurial education through our Foodways programs by facilitating and implementing our Agrilachia program, developing and expanding our farmers market, and working to evolve agricultural programming at Hindman Settlement School. The Community Agriculture Support Coordinator will address poverty and food insecurity by educating our community on home gardening, practices, develop small farms into profitable businesses, and add value to local crops by facilitating food based businesses. This will then allow funds to be reinvested into the community, thus aiding in alleviating poverty.

Responsibilities:

- Develop a work plan for the year, coordinating educational seminars and hands on activities dealing with food preparation, preservation, healthy living and agricultural issues related to home farming in partnership with the UK Cooperative Extension Service.
- Coordinate with community partners in the Grow Appalachia-Hindman Settlement School program to determine the report harvest figures for Grow Appalachia reporting.
- Assist in encouraging growers to move toward entrepreneurship by providing access to efficient kitchens and markets, coordinating workshops with external trainers on value added goods.
- The VISTA Member will work with the Foodways Director to research and provide training opportunities to our community partners on the most effective practices for extending the growing season with late Fall and Winter crops, crop rotations and cover crops.

Apply: Go to www.kycompact.org to find instructions on how to become a KyCC VISTA.



Minimum Qualifications:

- High School/GED
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Interested in local food, food access, agriculture, and health

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience with agriculture/markets/health
- Passionate about Agriculture
- Knowledge of Eastern Kentucky
- Volunteer management; Administrative skills

Additional Benefits:

- Hindman Settlement School offers financial support in attending conferences and educational opportunities, as well as mentorship onsite and through our partners
- Free housing and utilities to an AmeriCorps VISTA candidate
- Assistance in paying for conference fees and lodging, as well as use of a vehicle or reimbursement for work-related travel.

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