

# Civil Rights Coordinator/AmeriCorps\*VISTA position available at the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless

## Description

VISTA member will focus on advocacy and public education regarding homeless issues. VISTA member will focus on systemic solutions to homelessness (i.e. advocating for affordable housing, worker's rights issues, living wage issues, etc.), and educating the public about issues and solutions. This is a hands-on job that will involve working directly with homeless people and assisting them in obtaining a voice about their concerns in the media, with elected officials, with police and in shelters.

VISTA member will:

1. Assist with public education efforts and programs as needed.
2. Assist in the monthly publication of *Streetvibes*, by researching and writing articles, taking pictures, etc.
3. Join/start committees dedicated to social justice issues that address systemic causes of homelessness.

The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless is dedicated to eradicating homelessness in Cincinnati. We do this through Coordination of Services, Education, and Advocacy.

AmeriCorps\*VISTA helps individuals and communities implement grassroots solutions designed to alleviate poverty. Among other activities, AmeriCorps\*VISTA members serve full-time for a year, recruit community volunteers, raise funds, help manage projects, and otherwise build the capacity of nonprofit organization to become sustainable.

## Eligibility

AmeriCorps\*VISTA is open to U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents age 18 and older. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive either an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans, or a \$1,200 stipend. During their service, members receive a living allowance, as well as health care, childcare, training, relocation expenses, and liability insurance.

At GCCH, VISTA members will need some college education, communication and conflict resolution skills and basic computer knowledge. Experience working with homeless individuals is helpful. Ideal candidate will be highly motivated with a background in social justice. Formerly homeless individuals and minorities are encouraged to apply.

## More Information

For more information about the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program, and/or the available position, please contact Lynne Ausman at [lynneausman@yahoo.com](mailto:lynneausman@yahoo.com) or 513-421-7803 x11. More information is also available online at [www.cincihomeless.org](http://www.cincihomeless.org) and [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

## How to Apply

Send a resume and cover letter to: [lynneausman@yahoo.com](mailto:lynneausman@yahoo.com)

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