



Maine Hunger Dialogue Coordinator

Come to Maine and experience the natural beauty and exciting outdoor opportunities provided by its distinct four seasons! Maine Campus Compact (MCC) is a statewide coalition of colleges and universities whose purpose is to further the public purposes and civic mission of higher education. MCC's team of 10 VISTAs will develop programming that mobilizes college students to increase college aspirations in Maine's K-12 youth. This position will be based at the Maine Campus Compact office in Lewiston but will involve travel throughout the state.

The Hunger Dialogue VISTA will help to raise awareness and mobilize colleges throughout Maine to address hunger for low income individuals and to provide a platform for Maine students to address food insecurity on their campuses and in their communities. Recognizing the connection between hunger and low college retention rates, a special emphasis will be placed on initiatives that address links between food insecurity, college access and low retention rates on Maine campuses. Specific duties include program outreach, recruitment of campus teams, technical assistance support to campus teams, conference planning, help to analyze statewide surveys on issues related to food insecurity and college retention in Maine.

The VISTA will be instrumental in the successful oversight and implementation of many aspects of the Hunger Dialogue Project. As outlined in the VAD, VISTA responsibilities include:

- Oversee campus and community outreach and recruitment for Hunger Dialogue (HD)/ Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH) conference
- Arrange HD/UFWH committee planning calls, set dates and send meeting reminders; Organize student/campus panels and poster session, including recruitment for both. Assist with registration process and conference planning and set-up.
- Provide ongoing technical assistance support to students and campuses addressing food insecurity for low-income individuals
- Identify and develop resources; help analyze statewide survey data and prepare draft of related report and present to Maine campuses on links between hunger, college aspirations and low retention in higher education
- Participating with the MCC VISTA team in orientation, trainings, and complying with timesheet and reporting requirements.

Essential functions and qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher required
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Well-developed organizational abilities
- Motivated, independent worker
- Valid driver's license and car

Desired functions and qualifications:

- Experience with food security initiatives
- Experience with college access initiatives
- Comfortable speaking in public and/or with groups and individuals

Benefits and terms:

MCC VISTAs receive a living allowance of roughly \$12,277 over the course of the year. Assistance in locating housing in Lewiston will be provided. Upon successful completion, choose either an education award of \$5,920 to use toward educational loans or future educational expenses or a year end stipend of \$1,800. If choosing the education award, members can put any qualifying loans in forbearance during their term and any accrued interest will be paid off by AmeriCorps at the end of the term. Members receive a health benefit allowance, are covered under workers' compensation, and have numerous professional development opportunities. *There will be a mandatory pre-service orientation July 30th-August 2nd; the official start date for MCC VISTAs will be Friday August 3, 2018, more information to follow.*

To Apply: Please create an AmeriCorps profile and apply at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do> online at: AND submit a resume & cover letter to MCC VISTA Leader Tom Gallant at tom@mainecompact.org