

THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION IS SEEKING A NATIONAL SERVICE CROSS-STREAM AMERICORPS*VISTA MEMBER

The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), one of the nation's leading commissions on service and volunteerism, is seeking an energetic, organized, and committed individual to serve as the National Service Cross-stream AmeriCorps*VISTA member. ***The deadline to apply for the position is August 27, 2010.***

National Service in Michigan:

More than 52,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through 147 national service projects across Michigan. Serving with national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations and other groups, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, restore the environment, respond to disasters, build nonprofit capacity and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will commit more than \$21,400,000 to support Michigan communities through three national service initiatives: AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve. For more information about the Michigan Community Service Commission, visit

www.michigan.gov/mcsc.

Qualifications:

Candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- College experience
- Knowledge of national service
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft computer applications and complimentary computer skills
- Organized with excellent time-management skills
- Self-directed, ability to work independently
- Ability to work and communicate in a team environment
- Commitment to the mission of the project and its impact on communities
- Knowledge of and interest in working with diverse groups of people
- Proven leadership ability
- Public speaking and event planning experience
- Access to reliable transportation
- Willing to make a full-year commitment

Responsibilities:

The Cross-Stream VISTA position will enhance the ability of the Michigan Community Service Commission to serve national service programs throughout the state. The Cross-Stream VISTA will focus on improving the communication, collaboration, and sustainability of national service programs in Michigan through the creation of a regional and statewide network. With 147 national service projects engaging more than 52,000 people of all ages and backgrounds, it is essential to build infrastructure and capacity to sustain and grow these efforts. The Cross-Stream VISTA member will work closely with other MCSC staff members and reports directly to the Training and Inclusion Coordinator. Member activities will include:

- Work closely with Michigan's Cross-Stream Advisory Team to help direct Michigan's cross-stream efforts and connect grantees.
 - Participate as an active member of the Cross-Stream Advisory Team, attending meetings, participating in conference calls, and other involvement as needed.

- Focus on achieving the goals of the Cross-Stream Advisory Team strategic plan.
- Utilize the Advisory Team to assist with planning a 2011 Cross-Stream training
- Assist with the coordination of a minimum of five regional collaborations engaging all streams of service and national service alumni around national days of service (i.e., MLK Day, Make a Difference Day, etc.).
 - Identify host regions and programs and help facilitate connections among national service programs and local community organizations.
 - Measure the success of these collaborations through participant surveys and other evaluation methods.
 - Help determine and provide input on future opportunities for collaboration.
- Plan and implement a minimum of 6 cross-stream training webinars focused on the Corporation for National and Community Service strategic plan focus areas (healthy futures, education, opportunity, clean energy, veterans, and disaster preparedness.)
 - Determine training agenda, content, and resources for each webinar.
 - Identify presenters, successful program/project models, and practical examples of how organizations can incorporate these issue areas into their program.
 - Measure success through training evaluations based on the materials presented.
- Other duties as assigned

Benefits:

- Annual living allowance of \$10,296
- Education Award of \$5,350 or End-of-Service stipend of \$1,500 upon completion of full term of service
- Student Loan forbearance (if Education Award is elected)
- Training and professional development
- Health coverage
- Childcare assistance subsidies (if eligible)

*For more information on AmeriCorps*VISTA, please visit www.americorps.gov.*

Interested applicants must complete an online application at www.americorps.gov and send a letter of introduction and resume to:

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Background on the MCSC

The Michigan Community Service Commission builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. In 2010-11, the MCSC is granting more than \$7.3 million in federal funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. The MCSC is funding 25 AmeriCorps programs and 25 Learn and Serve programs. The Governor's Service Awards and Mentor Michigan are also premier programs of the MCSC. The MCSC is firmly committed to providing access, equal opportunity, and reasonable accommodation in its programs, activities, and materials. Please call (517) 335-4295 to request accommodations or to obtain materials in an alternate format.