



# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ADMISSION POSSIBLE AMERICORPS\*VISTA & AMERICORPS\*STATE POSITIONS

### What are AmeriCorps\*VISTA & AmeriCorps\*State? -----

VISTA began in the 1960s and stands for Volunteers In Service To America. VISTA members work to build capacity in organizations, helping them become stronger and better at what they do. Members work on indirect service; Admission Possible's VISTAs develop professional skill sets in communications and development that are highly valued in the nonprofit community.

AmeriCorps\*State was created in 1993. AmeriCorps\*State joined VISTA and both (along with other programs) reside under the large "AmeriCorps" heading. Members work on direct service.

### What is the relationship between Admission Possible and AmeriCorps? -----

Both AmeriCorps\*VISTA and AmeriCorps\*State are a part of the same national service organization (AmeriCorps) where individuals work in community organizations on various issues: education, housing, technology, health industry, and others. Because Admission Possible receives federal AmeriCorps dollars (through a grant process) to implement the program, the organization is considered an AmeriCorps program. For further clarification, please visit the AmeriCorps website at [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org).

### What is a living allowance? -----

This is an AmeriCorps term a regular stipend that service members receive; it is similar to a salary.

### How often do I get paid the living allowance and when do I receive the educational award? -----

The AmeriCorps\*State living allowance is paid every 2 weeks and the AmeriCorps\*VISTA living allowance is paid 2 times per month. The educational award is given to the Member after his or her term of service (after 10 or 12 months, depending on position).

### Where will I be working?-----

- **AmeriCorps Coaches** are based in their designated high schools Monday through Thursday and spend Friday at the Admission Possible office for staff meetings and training.
- **Workshop/Volunteer AmeriCorps Members** are based at the Admission Possible office but spend significant time during the week in their designated high schools working with high school staff, Admission Possible Coaches and students, Monday–Friday.
- **Alumni AmeriCorps Members** are based at the Admission Possible office, but spend time on college campuses connecting with Admission Possible alumni, Monday-Friday.
- **Events AmeriCorps Member** is based at the Admission Possible office, Monday–Friday.
- **Communications VISTA** is based at the Admission Possible office, Monday–Friday.
- **Resource VISTA** is based at the Admission Possible office, Monday–Friday.

**For All Positions:** There are some weekend hours for events throughout the year.

Members must have a high school diploma to serve as a tutor.

### Is there health coverage? -----

Yes, health coverage is offered at no cost to the members.

### Can I have an additional (part-time) job? -----

The rules and regulations of AmeriCorps\*VISTA state that a VISTA member may not hold another job during their term of service. AmeriCorps\*State does allow members to hold another job during their term of service. Outside commitments must not interfere with the obligations of an Admission Possible term of service.



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