

## MSWCD Hiring Full-Time AmeriCorps VISTA Member

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District is addressing food insecurity by teaching people how to grow food, while at the same time supplying fresh, locally grown produce to our county's food banks/pantries and to those who participate at the gardens. The theme of Urban Greens is "Growing with Purpose", and we believe that providing ways to grow healthy food is part of our purpose.

Our urban agriculture program, Urban Greens, currently manages five community gardens, each with a slightly different focus and purpose. We are set to expand by adding two new gardens in 2023. To assist with the Urban Greens program, we are fortunate to be able to offer one AmeriCorps VISTA Member position through ShareCorps.

The AmeriCorps VISTA Member will work full-time (40 hours per week) for one year, beginning in summer 2023. Minimum qualifications for AmeriCorps: 18 years or older within two weeks of the service start date, high school diploma or GED, US citizen or lawful permanent resident. The AmeriCorps VISTA Member is considered a federal government employee and will receive a biweekly living stipend of \$675.08 gross, a \$200 monthly housing stipend, and an End of Service Award of either a cash stipend of \$1800 or an Education Award of \$6,895. Paid holidays, 10 paid sick days, and 10 paid personal days.

**Interested applicants must use this link to apply by May 5, 2023:**

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=116863>

The VISTA Member will extend and grow our Urban Greens program by providing vital work in recruiting and setting up a network of dedicated volunteers, engaging food pantry clients, establishing a corporate sponsorship program, creating a youth curriculum to be used in the gardens and searching for grants for project continuation. The VISTA Member will be building the infrastructure to support the Urban Greens program properly. The VISTA employee's work will fully support the Urban Greens program and the Urban Ag/Education Specialist.



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