



We're looking for a few good VISTA members. Might one of those be you?

- Are you looking for an entry way to kick-start, change, or revitalize your career?
- Do you want give back through helping devastated communities who badly need your help?
- Do you want to erase a good chunk of school debt or are you looking for funds for future schooling?

Hurricane Michael VISTA Panhandle Program: A partnership between BRACE & CNCS, this program supports local governments and nonprofits in their long-term recovery from the Category 5 Hurricane Michael by building capacity through AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members. These are volunteer positions with Federal benefits

Local organizations currently seek to fill the following positions:

- City of Marianna, FL - Economic Development Specialist - Help implement their economic development vision for recovery. Develop and implement creative ways to engage stakeholders and the public to prioritize projects and build support for downtown redevelopment.
- Chattahoochee Main Street, FL – Outreach & Event Coordinator - Help create a thriving Main Street District by establishing communication with and between residents and businesses to plan and promote local events.
- City of Quincy, FL – Economic Development Specialist – Work with stakeholders to prioritize downtown economic development projects to implement the city's vision. Develop a system to track resources, partners, and funding to effectively manage priority projects.
- Calhoun County Chamber, FL – Outreach and Events Coordinator – Engage the community by developing strong partnerships to develop outreach strategies to re-establish and market local events and activities cancelled due to hurricane devastation.

Benefits: Members receive a bi-weekly living stipend of \$479, basic health care benefits or reimbursement of up to \$7,900 in medical costs (if already insured), student loan forbearance/deferment or cash benefit upon completion of the required 12 months service of either a \$1,800 stipend **OR** Education Award of \$6,195 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans, and 12-month federal employment non-competitive eligibility status. If a move of more than 50 miles is required, moving costs of up to \$750 plus mileage are eligible for reimbursement. Depending upon family income, members may also be eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance (SNAP) & childcare assistance.

Go to my.AmeriCorps.gov/ for complete position descriptions of these 12-month positions. Applications must be made via the [AmeriCorps](#) portal.

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