



## **Veterans Table Feeding Program-VISTA** **Clarksburg, WV**

Feed. Engage. Strengthen.

Imagine a place where your talent can make a meaningful difference in WV veterans. Serving at Mountaineer Food Bank is a uniquely rewarding experience in which our employees and volunteers work together as vital parts of a much larger mission: to feed the hungry in West Virginia. We are innovative, mission-focused, diverse, collaborative, values-driven and focused on results.

We are a West Virginia non-profit and the state's largest feeding organization. Located in the heart of West Virginia, our mission is to feed West Virginia's hungry through a network of feeding programs and engage the state in the fight to end hunger.

### **What you'll do**

Mountaineer Food Bank's Veterans Table Program serves approximately 1,000 veterans a month with a shelf stable food box and fresh/frozen foods whenever they are available. Currently the Veterans Table sites operate as a Mobile Distribution local to the three VA hospitals in our service area (Clarksburg, Martinsburg, and Beckley). The goal is to transition the Mobile distributions to brick and mortar locations. Physical Veterans Table distribution locations would provide consistent and weekly operating hours with the goal of creating a Veteran resource hub. In addition, these brick and mortar sites will build awareness of the program, serve more veterans, and increase local ownership of the program assisting in fundraising and building a consistent volunteer base.

### **Here are examples of what you'll be doing everyday:**

The VISTA—(Volunteers In Service To America) will serve in the Clarksburg, WV community to develop a more sustainable Veterans Table program. The VISTA will establish sustainability through the following activities;

- Secure a physical space for the Veterans Table Program to operate
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Receive phone and email correspondence from the public
- Collect and document testimonies and first hand feedback from participants and volunteers
- Participate in veteran councils, meetings, and engage with veterans and the veteran community
- Create a Veterans Table marketing strategy



- Develop a Veterans Table fundraising plan
- Recruit additional partner sites
- And other foundational tasks as needed

### **For your information...**

This is not a job/employment, but a paid volunteer opportunity. We are equal opportunity and all applicants will be considered. We are committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace where we learn and work together to change West Virginia. The AmeriCorps VISTA will report to a designated office space in Clarksburg, WV. AmeriCorps members must serve 1700 hours over the course of the year, an average of 37.5 to 40 hours per week.

*Mountaineer Food Bank values every member of our community and strongly encourages diversity across all of our programming, staffing and volunteers. Our organization strives to support all individuals in need and engage all from every socioeconomic background, culture, ethnicity and race in our fight against hunger. Our staff, board and member network is made up of business leaders, non-profit leaders, community organizers, health professionals, educators and folks from all backgrounds. Our differences bind and strengthen us to make a stronger organization in West Virginia."*

### **The member will receive the following benefits:**

1. Living Allowance – The living allowance is designed to help members meet the necessary living expenses incurred while participating in the program. The program will not distribute the living allowance on an hourly basis. It is not a wage and will not fluctuate based on the number of hours members serve in a given time period. Leave time is 10 personal, 10 sick leave, 5 emergency. A living allowance in the amount of: \$13,399.15
2. Health Insurance – Full-time members qualify for health insurance coverage. The health insurance is at no cost to the member. Family members are not eligible.
3. Child Care – Income eligible\*\*
4. Education Award **OR** a \$1,803 End of Service Stipend

Education Award-- For successful completion of a full-time term, the member will receive a Segal education award in the amount of \$6,095 which is taxable.

- Members who are 55 or older at the time of enrollment are eligible to transfer the education award (in part or in full) to a qualifying family member.



- Upon enrollment and acceptance into the program, the member may be eligible for forbearance of any qualified student loans.
- If the member has received forbearance on a qualified student loan during the term of service, the National Service Trust will repay a portion or all of the interest that accrued on the loan during the term of service only if the member successfully completes the term of service. Both the forbearance and interest payments are taxable.

### **Ready to apply?**

Please email your resume and references over to Director of Community Programs, Laura Phillips at [laura@mountaineerfoodbank.org](mailto:laura@mountaineerfoodbank.org). You may also call or direct any questions about this opportunity to Laura by email listed above or by calling 304-364-5518, extension 206. We look forward to talking to you! Interested applicants can submit resumes and references through February 22, 2021.