



Rural Action's VISTA, Rural Renewal Program - *How to Apply*

Application Requirements

- **Two References:** Provide your references contact information. They will be contacted to fill out a form on your behalf after you submit your application.
- **Written Motivational Statement:** We would like to understand more about you and your reasons for applying to AmeriCorps. Please also share with us why you would like to serve with the AmeriCorps program.
- **Skills & Experience:** Be prepared to share your past experiences and relevant skills.
- **Community Service Description:** You will be asked to write about why you volunteer and what past community service experiences you have had.
- **Criminal Background Disclosure:** Only convictions of murder and sexual offenses mean an applicant is ineligible to serve as an AmeriCorps member anywhere. Other convictions do not impact eligibility with AmeriCorps but AmeriCorps requires that you disclose any criminal history that will show up on a criminal record. If you choose not to disclose a criminal history and convictions are found on your background check later, you will be ineligible for AmeriCorps service.

Submitting Your Application

1. Login to my.americorps.gov OR [create an account](#) if you are new to AmeriCorps.
2. Click "Applications" in the left-hand menu of your account to create an app. *You can create up to 3 applications if applying to different focus areas within Rural Action or other organizations.*
3. To submit to Rural Action, [check out the listings here](#) and click the name of the position you are interested in.
4. Click "Apply Now," choose the application you want to use, and submit.
5. To apply to more than one VISTA position, repeat the process from Step 3 again. You can also search for [Rural Action here](#) to apply to the Appalachian Ohio Restore Corps.

Next Steps

Supervisors from each host site reach out directly if you are selected for an interview. They may or may not have a Rural Action email address. If you have any questions at all about the process, please contact Shannon Stewart at shannon@ruralaction.org.