



[Summer Food Service Program Summer Associate VISTA](#)

Help fight child hunger in Jamestown, NY! Work with the Jamestown YMCA to promote and serve free summer meals to kids.

Hunger Free America is a national nonprofit group building a nonpartisan, grass-roots membership movement to enact the policies and programs needed to end domestic hunger and ensure that all Americans have sufficient access to nutritious food. Our long-term goal is not just to ameliorate the problem, but also to build the people's movement necessary to enact the economic and public policies needed to end hunger entirely. Given that hunger drains our economy and tears at our moral and civic fabric, we know that eliminating it will boost the nation both economically and spiritually. Towards that end, we've adopted the motto: "Ending hunger lifts us all."

During the summer, Hunger Free America's Child Nutrition Department places a multitude of AmeriCorps VISTA members across the country at various hunger-fighting institutions with a focus on combatting child hunger during the summertime. Once school lets out, millions of children no longer receive school meals and face tremendous obstacles accessing the Summer Food Service Program, which offers free meals for any child under the age of 18. This placement is at the organization **Jamestown YMCA**, and supervised by Hunger Free America.

The Position – *Accepting applications now, deadline to apply is May 17th*

The Hunger Free America Summer Associate Program aims to create more food secure families and support nutritious food choices. Summer Associate members will expand and support the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and nutrition education programming, and increase awareness of the program in the community. We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to work with the Jamestown YMCA to support their Summer Food Service program and nutritional programming, ensure the program runs smoothly, and increase awareness of the program in local communities. Summer Associates may also work to organize community-wide events to promote summer meals.

Summer Associates will help support the day-to-day operations of the Jamestown YMCA Food Service Program, including preparing and distributing meals to participants, aiding in meal counts and program reporting, and assisting in menu planning to ensure compliance with USDA regulations. Summer Associates will also work to increase the capacity and sustainability of the Summer Food Service Program to serve more participants, including research on and outreach in low-participating neighborhoods.

They will distribute educational materials and literature on the Summer Food Service Program in high-poverty neighborhoods and encourage participation in the program.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Interest in child hunger issues
- Experience working with diverse communities
- Adaptability and willingness to work on all kinds of projects
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Reliability, responsibility, and a good work ethic
- Good organizational and communications skills

Time Commitment:

This is a short-term, 8-week, full-time position beginning June 23rd, 2019 and ending August 16th, 2019. You are expected to be available for the needs of your community and project at all times. Summer Associates may be able to have a part-time job outside of service hours; however, they will discuss this with their supervisor prior to starting their position.

Housing:

You are responsible for finding your own housing. No housing allowance will be provided.

Program Benefits:

- \$472.22 living allowance, paid biweekly
- End of service stipend or education award
- 4th of July off
- Experience in the nonprofit sector
- Access to Hunger Free America's national network of hunger-fighting institutions
- And many more benefits! View the full listing of AmeriCorps VISTA benefits [here](#). Be sure to click "Show Summer Associate Benefits Only" at the top of the page.

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