



Move for America Fellowship

Position Description: Mankato Youth Place (MY Place) Education & Community Engagement Liaison

Project Period: June 2023 - June 2024

Site Name: Mankato Youth Place (MY Place)

Location: On-site

Goal of the Project

Move for America Fellows, who are VISTA Members, build the capacity of community-based organizations to bridge divides and strengthen civic dialogue by elevating diverse community voices in decisions that affect their lives.

The fellow selected for this project will serve as an Education and Community Engagement Liaison for MY Place.

Project Objectives

The Education and Community Engagement Liaison will assist MY Place staff with serving youth from disadvantaged communities in grades K-8th grade. The liaison will work with staff to develop committees focused on increasing academic programming and academic success. The liaison will also work to develop and strengthen partnerships to address food insecurity for MY Place members and their families.

Responsibilities

1. The Education & Community Engagement Liaison will support MY Place by expanding the use and impact of our education focused resources, data-analysis, research, and collaborations. Major activities include:
 - o Develop new and enrich current community partnerships
 - o Participate in education focused coalition meetings
 - o Coordinate parent workshops
 - o Coordinate community events
 - o Research local education issues and share findings with community stakeholders
2. The liaison will increase awareness of food access issues and MY Place services, building outreach strategies that ensure supplemental food is available for MY Place members and their families.

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Eligibility

- Must be 18 years old by start date.
- Must be a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, refugee, asylee, or DACA recipient.
- Must be able to commit to a year-long program from June 2023 - June 2024, with a full-time work week (35 hours per week daytime hours, Monday-Friday).
- We welcome applicants from any location, but you must be willing to live and work in Minnesota during the 2023-24 term of service.

Qualifications

Fellows are not required to have had previous job experience. This is an entry level position designed to catalyze your career and leadership development. We do, though, seek the following traits in all Fellows:

- **Curiosity** - genuine interest to learn with and from others
- **Growth** - commitment to continuous learning about self and others
- **Teamwork** - capable of using collaboration and teamwork to achieve goals
- **Community** - desire to work in and with a community and in team environments
- **Accountability** - take responsibility for actions and their impact on others
- **Leadership** - take initiative and demonstrate leadership experience

Living Stipend and Benefits

- \$17,600 annual living stipend
- \$6,000 housing support
- Up to \$1,000 in relocation assistance
- Earn a \$6,895 education award for future education or to repay school loans
- Health insurance
- 80+ hours Inclusive Leadership & Community Engagement training
- Professional and peer mentorship
- [Find all AmeriCorps VISTA benefits here](#)

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The Move for America Fellowship, in partnership with AmeriCorps VISTA, is a paid, 12-month immersive service learning experience grounded in community engagement. Move for America Fellows build the capacity of community-based organizations by convening diverse community voices in decisions that affect their lives.

All Fellows participate in our Inclusive Leadership training program, which includes over 80 hours of learning together with your cohort of Fellows, focused on intercultural communication, navigating conflict, engaging communities, and professional growth.

Commitment to Inclusion & Equal Opportunity Employer

Move for America's mission is to bridge divides and strengthen civic dialogue. We work to create an inclusive and thriving society where all voices matter and where no person is marginalized for their identity. Move for America is an equal opportunity employer and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind in any part of our business and partnerships. We hire talent with a transparent and equitable process for all who apply. All employment decisions are made without regard to age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, medical history, or any other protected statuses. We believe our differences make us stronger and encourage all interested candidates to apply. [Read our full Commitment to Inclusion and Equal Opportunity Employer Statement here.](#)

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