

# VISTA APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Project Period:** 7/8/2019 - 7/7/2020

**Host Organization:** Blue Sky Center

**Location:** New Cuyama, CA

**No. of positions:** 4

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## To apply:

Follow the link for the [Blue Sky Center / AmeriCorps VISTA Application](#), or visit [blueskycenter.org/collaborate](http://blueskycenter.org/collaborate) to find the application portal. You will be prompted to answer a few short answer questions and upload your cover letter and resume/CV/work examples. Applications are due by **April 17, 2019, at 5PM PST**. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed thereafter and final selections are expected to be made by May 7. Selected VISTAs will complete an on-site orientation upon arrival.

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## Questions:

### INTRODUCTORY

1. Email address: Provide the best email for us to reach you. This is how we will officially communicate with you on application status updates.
2. First name: Provide the name you go by.
3. Last name: Provide your family name that you use.
4. Phone number: Provide the best contact phone number for us to reach you.
5. ZIP Code: Provide the ZIP Code for where you currently reside.
6. Position Selection: Choose from [Rural Community Designer](#), [Food Action Coordinator](#), or [Development Coordinator](#). *\*If you would like to apply to more than one position, submit a separate application for each position.*

### SUBMITTED MATERIALS

7. Cover letter: Upload a one-page maximum letter as a PDF. Highlight your relevant experience and fit for this position. *\*1 file maximum, file size limited to 10 MB.*
8. Resumé, CV, or other relevant work examples (portfolio, website, or similar): Submit what you feel best represents your experience. *\*There are two options for this question: a file upload (5 files maximum, 10 MB total maximum) or a link option. You may choose either or both.*

### ABOUT YOU

9. Educational attainment: Indicate your highest level of educational attainment as of today. *\*VISTA requires a high school diploma / GED at a minimum.*
10. Field of study / degree, or area of expertise: In short answer, indicate your field of study, degree(s) held, or areas of expertise. College experience is not a requirement for these positions.

11. Have you visited CNCS/AmeriCorps website and read about the VISTA program, its requirements, and benefits? Indicate from the options of yes, no, or not yet.
12. Housing acknowledgement: Blue Sky is able to assist in securing housing for VISTA members. Due to the limited number of rental homes available in the area, the housing options are shared with other members of the Blue Sky team. Are you comfortable sharing a house with fellow VISTA members? Indicate yes, no, or maybe.
13. From the list provided, choose **three** descriptors of yourself: Activist, Advocate, Artist, Builder, Connector, Detail-oriented, Designer, Director, Empath, Environmentalist, Extrovert, Facilitator, Introvert, Listener, Maker, Organizer, Philosopher, Seeker, Techie, Other: \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is your Spanish language fluency level (verbal and written)? Choose from: None, Basic, More than basic but not fully conversational, Conversational, Fluent, or Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. How did you find our posting? Choose from: Word of mouth/referral, Online search/research, AmeriCorps VISTA portal, Job forum, Social media, College/university, or Other: \_\_\_\_\_ *(This just helps us to know how to effectively recruit.)*

#### **SHORT ANSWERS**

16. Why are you applying for this position? Why you, why now? *(200 words maximum)*
17. What are your professional goals? How does this position compliment your professional path? *(100 words maximum)*
18. Why are you drawn to national service in underserved communities? *(200 words maximum)*
19. Describe your lived rural experience and/or appreciation for non-urban places. *(200 words maximum)*
20. In your own words and referencing your own experience, provide a working example of the phrase "design thinking." *(150 words maximum)*

**Submit by clicking the submit button. We'll be in touch after the application deadline. Be sure to check your email you provided regularly. Email [VISTA@blueskycenter.org](mailto:VISTA@blueskycenter.org) with any questions.**