



## **YouthLaunch's Urban Roots farm program AmeriCorps VISTA Member position**

### **Who We Are:**

Since 1994, YouthLaunch, an Austin-based non-profit organization, has been creating empowering opportunities for young people by engaging them in service. Urban Roots is YouthLaunch's newest program that is using sustainable agriculture as means to affect lasting change for youth participants and to provide low-income residents of East Austin with greater access to healthy, affordable food. On a 2-5 acre urban organic farm, our project will provide employment, life skills, and service opportunities to youth ages 14-18 in East Austin. Urban Roots will engage and empower young people to learn about hard work, to connect with the land, and to serve their community.

### **Job Description:**

The Urban Roots Vista position will be instrumental in getting this new project up and running. This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of a dynamic, multi-faceted program at its inception.

### **We're looking for an enthusiastic, highly organized individual who can help Urban Roots**

- Facilitate our community outreach
- Strengthen food distribution and marketing efforts
- Develop volunteer recruitment strategy and training
- Secure in-kind donations of materials and supplies for the urban farm

**Note:** AmeriCorps VISTA members do not do direct service, they perform indirect service in order to build capacity and sustainability for the program.

### **Preferred Skills:**

- Excellent written and communication skills
- Responsible, independent, and open to learning
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule
- Team-oriented with a good sense of humor
- Experience with Microsoft office
- Knowledge of East Austin
- Spanish language skills a plus

### **Serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA member, you are eligible for the following:**

- Living allowance of \$10,900 per year
- Education Award (Upon completion of service-\$4725)
- Health Insurance
- Student Loan Deferment

**To learn more about AmeriCorps VISTA and to complete an application, go to <https://recruit.cns.gov>**

**To Apply: Send or email completed AmeriCorps application, cover letter and resume to**

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