The Sanneh Foundation Resource VISTA

The Sanneh Foundation Overview

The Sanneh Foundation (TSF) is a Minnesota based 501(c)3 created to serve the holistic youth development needs of the increasingly diverse state of Minnesota. TSF’s mission is to (1) empower youth by supporting and promoting educational attainment through in-school and after-school support, (2) improve lives by providing programs that strengthen physical health and social and emotional development, and (3) unite communities by advancing diversity, equity, and community well-being.

The Sanneh Foundation Resource VISTA Responsibilities

- Learn the TSF culture, Dreamline logic model, and theory of change
- Create a series of Partnership Agreement templates: Volunteer Commitment Forms and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which can be used in the procurement of new individual volunteers and organizational community partners
- Develop a Community Partnership Record System
- Identify additional resources and services for Dreamline program delivery in the beneficiary community
- Identify and build partnerships benefiting Dreamline program delivery in the community
- Secure additional donations or in-kind resources strengthening Dreamline program delivery in the TSF beneficiary community
- Formalize and improve the TSF process to identify, contact, facilitate outreach, recruit and retain new individual volunteers and organizational community partners capable of contributing in-kind resources which strengthen program delivery
- Objective of the Assignment (Period of Performance: August 5, 2019 to August 3, 2020) Design and implement a Dreamline Coach Recruitment System for each beneficiary community
- Design a recruitment strategy to hire and retain Dreamline Coaches who have a specific interest in working in partnership with disengaged students to enhance the lives of individuals and family members residing in low-income communities and communities of color
- Create a system to track communications with potential Dreamline Coaches
- Create and pilot events which “bring community members together” to educate community organizations and prospective Dreamline Coaches about the program and TSF services
- Determine a criterion to assess the effectiveness of events in accomplishing recruitment goals

AmeriCorps Eligibility Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National or have status as a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien
- Please note that final candidates will be required to successfully pass a background check before being officially enrolled as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member.
The Sanneh Foundation Preferred Qualifications

- Interest in youth, service, education, and non-profit work
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to deal effectively with a variety of tasks, priorities, and people in order to meet goals
- Self-motivated, able to work in a team, take initiative and work independently
- Able to present oneself in a highly professional manner and be an ambassador of the program
- Work or volunteer experience with organizations serving youth or underserved communities
- Reliable transportation is highly recommended
- Ability to set priorities and manage multiple projects simultaneously and meet deadlines
- Ability to work independently as well as cooperatively in a team environment
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Google Apps
- Prefer Associate's Degree or higher

Weekly Schedule

- AmeriCorps VISTA Members serve in a full time capacity (40 hours per week during their term of service)
- AmeriCorps VISTA Members may NOT be a full-time student or have another full-time position while serving

Benefits

As a full-term AmeriCorps member, VISTAs serve full time for 12 months & receive: Modest Living Allowance (approximately $472 pre-tax biweekly); Health Care Allowance (~$7,900 that can be applied to any out of pocket costs, cannot go towards premiums, non-essential health expenses, or dependents); Qualified Student Loan Forbearance; $6,095 Education Award or cash stipend (approx... $1,800) upon successful completion of service; Ongoing, extensive support and training. For VISTAs relocating more than 50 miles: $750 settling-in allowance in addition to mileage reimbursement.