

## HOW TO BE AN OSM/VISTA VOLUNTEER

All the formal paperwork for OSM/VISTAs is handled through the Corporation for National Service web site. See the AmeriCorps/VISTA section [www.americorps.org/vista/index.html](http://www.americorps.org/vista/index.html). Applicants MUST read this entire section carefully, understand the rigors and rewards of national service and be prepared to make a one-year commitment as an OSM/VISTA at minimum.

OSM/VISTA positions open five times a year and there are positions open at each. We will not accept applications for specific watersheds unless they have



been locally recruited: our goal is to put the right person in the watershed that needs their particular skills the most. OSM/VISTA positions are listed as Watershed Development Coordinators on the VISTA recruiting website and all applicants must complete this application. Please see the OSM/VISTA Watershed Development Coordinators described in this section of the OSM web site to gain a better understanding of the many projects and challenges of these positions.

To apply:

Go to <https://recruit.cns.gov/>.

Search for Service Area: "Environment" Key Word: "Coal"

Position is called "NICS Watershed Development Coordinator" and Listing Identification is "WV-011721."

NOTE: Potential recruits do not need to apply to every NICS listing. Submit ONE application, no matter which start date you may be applying for.

When applications are received by OSM, they are then transmitted to those watersheds seeking OSM/VISTA applicants for that term. It is entirely up to the local OSM/VISTA Watershed sponsor to interview and select.

Inquiries should be directed to the OSM/VISTA Team Leader Amy Stout, email [osm-vista-leader@wv-eseec.org](mailto:osm-vista-leader@wv-eseec.org). Telephone is 304-345-7663, but please read the VISTA web site information before contacting us.

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