

The Farmory Summer VISTA Position Description

Join the team at The Farmory and NeighborWorks Green Bay as a Summer VISTA member and help us GROW “The Farmory!” This VISTA member will work with other leaders to transform a former military armory into an organic, sustainable, indoor farm. Armory + Farmory= FARMORY!

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a program through the Corporation for National and Community Service that engages participants to build organizational capacity, become “architects of change,” and eliminate poverty.

The Farmory is an indoor, organic, urban farm that will bring together people, plants, and profits! It will provide opportunities for the development of job and entrepreneurial skills for people who are living in poverty and/or having difficulty maintaining sustainable income. The Farmory will also be an educational tool for the entire community, teaching people about sustainable gardening practices they can use at their homes to enhance their access to fresh, healthy food, i.e. grow their “food security.”

The Summer VISTA member serving with The Farmory will have an impact on individuals and the community, while gaining excellent experience in the development of a project focused on community, environment, and food sustainability. They will be working with other community leaders who have wide and deep expertise within the various aspects of The Farmory development.

Assignments will include:

1. Increase The Farmory’s community outreach by implementing educational programs at The Farmory and at community events, e.g. farmers’ markets.
2. In collaboration with other team members, create onsite educational opportunities that help our neighbors develop the skills they need to become more self-sufficient by raising more of their own food. This will include recruiting and managing volunteers to implement educational programs that further this goal.
3. In collaboration with other team members, create Standard Operating Procedures for the maintenance of a new aquaponics “grow system” at West De Pere High School. Modeled after The Farmory’s grow system, the one at West De Pere High School will be integrate into the school’s curriculum. This will include recruiting and managing volunteers to maintain the system over the summer months.

The ideal Summer Farmory VISTA member should be able to work both independently and in groups, be comfortable engaging people from diverse backgrounds, think and act strategically, and respond appropriately to feedback from teammates and collaborating organizations. They should be able to act independently when they are able, but seek

guidance when it's needed. The ideal candidate will have sound computer skills, focusing on Microsoft products.

Compensation will include a modest living allowance and the choice of an Education Award or End of Service Stipend at the end of the term. Housing may also be available.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Sue Premo, sue@nwgreenbay.org by Tuesday, May 15th. If you would like further information, please email or call Sue at 920-593-3714.

For more information:

The Farmory: <http://www.farmory.org/>