

Living Allowance Calendar and Statement Information

Period	Start Date	End Date	Direct Deposit Date	Period	Start Date	End Date	Direct Deposit Date
202025	11/22/2020	12/5/2020	12/11/2020	202114	6/20/2021	7/3/2021	7/9/2021
202026	12/6/2020	12/19/2020	12/25/2020	202115	7/4/2021	7/17/2021	7/23/2021
202101	12/20/2020	1/2/2021	1/8/2021	202116	7/18/2021	7/31/2021	8/6/2021
202102	1/3/2021	1/16/2021	1/22/2021	202117	8/1/2021	8/14/2021	8/20/2021
202103	1/17/2021	1/30/2021	2/5/2021	202118	8/15/2021	8/28/2021	9/3/2021
202104	1/31/2021	2/13/2021	2/19/2021	202119	8/29/2021	9/11/2021	9/17/2021
202105	2/14/2021	2/27/2021	3/5/2021	202120	9/12/2021	9/25/2021	10/1/2021
202106	2/28/2021	3/13/2021	3/19/2021	202121	9/26/2021	10/9/2021	10/15/2021
202107	3/14/2021	3/27/2021	4/2/2021	202122	10/10/2021	10/23/2021	10/29/2021
202108	3/28/2021	4/10/2021	4/16/2021	202123	10/24/2021	11/6/2021	11/12/2021
202109	4/11/2021	4/24/2021	4/30/2021	202124	11/7/2021	11/20/2021	11/26/2021
202110	4/25/2021	5/8/2021	5/14/2021	202125	11/21/2021	12/4/2021	12/10/2021
202111	5/9/2021	5/22/2021	5/28/2021	202126	12/5/2021	12/18/2021	12/24/2021
202112	5/23/2021	6/5/2021	6/11/2021	202201	12/19/2021	1/1/2022	1/7/2022
202113	6/6/2021	6/19/2021	6/25/2021				

AmeriCorps strongly recommends you sign up for direct deposit to receive your living allowance. Living allowance payments made by check will arrive approximately five days after the direct deposit date. To set up direct deposit, go to my.americorps.gov. If your direct deposited living allowance payment does not arrive by the date listed, contact the AmeriCorps Hotline at 800-942-2677.

Deposit dates may differ if your disbursement is from a grant made to your sponsoring organization.

4/2/2021





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Payment for pay period
through: 2/13/20XX

Tax withholding status: S
Allowance claimed: 1
Additional tax withholding: 0

Days paid this period: 14
Days paid this year: 56

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The stipend amount is zero for members who selected the education award. For members who selected the cash stipend, this line shows how much accrued during the pay period.

AMERICORPS VISTA ALLOWANCE STATEMENT

We are paying you:	This payment	Year to date
Living Allowance:	\$383.46	\$1,533.84
Settling-in Allowance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
End-of-Service Stipend:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:		

If a member was overpaid by AmeriCorps, there would be a dollar amount listed here.

We are deducting:	This payment	Year to date
Fed Income Tax Withholding:	\$23.01	\$92.04
Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplemental Advance Collected:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax and Court Levies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA Deductions:	\$0.00	\$0.00

Social Security and Medicare (FICA) are not withheld from the living allowance, nor are state or local income taxes. However, if you select the end-of-service stipend, FICA will be deducted from those payments.

	This payment	Year to date
Total Paid:	\$383.46	\$1,533.84
Less Total Deductions:	\$23.01	\$92.04
Plus Advanced EIC:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Check:	\$360.45	\$1,441.80

End-of-Service Stipend accrued this pay period: \$0.00
End-of-Service Stipend paid this pay period: \$0.00
Current End-of-Service Stipend balance: \$0.00

For assistance, contact the AmeriCorps VISTA Member Support Unit at 800-942-2677.

Notice- NO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED
These payments are not wages under federal or state unemployment compensation laws (45 USC 5055)

AmeriCorps VISTA Living Allowance Frequently Asked Questions

Starting Service

How do I receive my living allowance payment and travel reimbursements?

As an AmeriCorps member serving with the VISTA program, you are required to have your biweekly living allowance sent via electronic funds transfer or direct deposit except when this form of payment would cause unusual hardship. (For hardship cases, contact the VMSU to have payments made by paper check.)

To set up direct deposit, you must complete the direct deposit form under “My Living Allowance” in [My AmeriCorps](#). You will need your bank account number and your bank’s routing number. Contact your banking institution if you have questions. Any error in account or routing information may result in delay of your living allowance by up to six weeks. Please take time to verify your financial information in My AmeriCorps before your service begins.

When do I get my first living allowance payment?

You will receive your first living allowance payment 2 to 3 weeks after your first day of AmeriCorps service, depending on where your start date falls in the living allowance payment calendar. If you start service in the middle of a pay period, you will receive your first living allowance payment in about 2 weeks. If you start at the beginning of a pay period, you will receive your first living allowance in about 3 weeks.

Note that you will not receive a living allowance payment during the week you start service. View the living allowance payment calendar to check the pay period end dates and expected direct deposit date.

How and when will I receive my relocation assistance?

If you have been approved to receive the settling in allowance, it will be included with your first living allowance payment. Review the Relocation Benefits Fact Sheet for details on the relocation benefit including eligibility, considerations, how to receive your relocation assistance, and answers to other questions.

During Service

When do I get paid?

Please see the living allowance calendar above. You are paid every two weeks, and the official pay day is Friday. The payments will be direct deposited into your account.

What do I do if my living allowance is delayed?

Double check the direct deposit information you entered in [My AmeriCorps](#). Any error in account or routing information may result in delay of your living allowance. Then, contact the VMSU. Be aware that any reissue of payment for living allowances can take up to six weeks. Please take time to verify your financial information in My AmeriCorps before your service begins.

How can I view my living allowance earning statements online?

Log in to [My AmeriCorps](#) and click on My Living Allowance from your member home page. Living allowance earning statements are in the first box under your member information.

What address is listed on the living allowance statement?

The address listed is your project address (the address of where you are serving).

Why does the “End-of-Service Stipend” line amount list \$0.00?

If you selected the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, this line amount will always be \$0.00. If you selected the cash stipend, it would show how much of the stipend accrued during each pay period.

Why weren’t any taxes withheld? Am I having enough taxes taken out?

The taxes that are withheld are based on the Federal Tax Withholding form (W-4) you completed at the beginning of service. The more allowances on your W-4, the less taxes will be withheld. If you feel like the taxes being withheld are not going to be enough to cover what you will owe, you can make changes to your withholding by updating your W-4 in [My AmeriCorps](#).

VISTA Living Allowance Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

Close of Service

How can I get reimbursed for my travel back to where I moved from after my year of service?

The close of service payment process is similar to the process for the relocation allowance you received near the start of service. Review the Relocation Benefits Fact Sheet for details or contact the VMSU.

If I selected the end-of-service cash stipend, when will I get that?

The cash stipend is generally paid automatically with the last two living allowance payments, provided that service is completed as scheduled and the Future Plans Form is completed properly and submitted.

For information regarding the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award and further discussion of the financial support you can receive, please refer to chapters 5 and 14 of the VISTA Member Handbook. If you have additional questions, please contact the AmeriCorps Hotline at 800-942-2677 or submit a request online at questions.americorps.gov.