

#### **§ 2556.735**

- (1) Does not interfere with the performance of, or availability to perform, their assigned VISTA project duties;
- (2) Does not interfere with the provision of service in the VISTA program;
- (3) Does not involve any use of VISTA assistance, resources or funds;
- (4) Would not result in the identification of the VISTA as being a participant in or otherwise associated with the VISTA program;
- (5) Is not conducted during scheduled VISTA service hours; and
- (6) Does not interfere with the full-time commitment to remain available for VISTA service without regard to regular working hours, at all times during periods of service, except for authorized periods of leave.

#### **§ 2556.735 May a VISTA be a candidate for public office?**

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no VISTA may run for the nomination to, or as a candidate for election to, partisan political office.
- (b) In accordance with the prohibitions set forth in §2556.710, a VISTA may participate in elections as long as such participation:
  - (1) Does not interfere with the performance of, or availability to perform, their assigned VISTA project duties;
  - (2) Does not interfere with the provision of service in the VISTA program;
  - (3) Does not involve any use of VISTA assistance, resources or funds;
  - (4) Would not result in the identification of the VISTA as being a participant in or otherwise associated with the VISTA program;
  - (5) Is not conducted during scheduled VISTA service hours; and
  - (6) Does not interfere with the full-time commitment to remain available for VISTA service without regard to regular working hours, at all times during periods of service, except for authorized periods of leave.
- (c) Provided that paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are adhered to, and in accordance with the prohibitions set forth in §2556.710, a VISTA may:
  - (1) Run as an independent candidate in a partisan election in designated U.S. municipalities and political sub-

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divisions as set forth at 5 CFR part 733; and

- (2) Run as a candidate in a non-partisan election.

#### **§ 2556.740 May VISTAs participate in political fundraising activities?**

(a) Provided that paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section are fully adhered to, and in accordance with the prohibitions set forth in §2556.710, a VISTA may:

- (1) Make a political contribution to a political party, political group, campaign committee of a candidate for public office in a partisan election;
- (2) Attend a political fundraiser; and
- (3) Solicit, accept, or receive uncompensated volunteer services for a political campaign from any individual.

(b) A VISTA may participate in fundraising activities as long as such participation:

- (1) Does not interfere with the performance of, or availability to perform, their assigned VISTA project duties;
- (2) Does not interfere with the provision of service in the VISTA program;
- (3) Does not involve any use of VISTA assistance, resources or funds;
- (4) Would not result in the identification of the VISTA as being a participant in or otherwise associated with the VISTA program;
- (5) Is not conducted during scheduled VISTA service hours; and
- (6) Does not interfere with the full-time commitment to remain available for VISTA service without regard to regular working hours, at all times during periods of service, except for authorized periods of leave.

(c) A VISTA may not knowingly:

- (1) Personally solicit, accept, or receive a political contribution from another individual;
- (2) Personally solicit political contributions in a speech or keynote address given at a fundraiser;
- (3) Allow their perceived or actual affiliation with the VISTA program, or their official title as a VISTA, to be used in connection with fundraising activities; or
- (4) Solicit, accept, or receive uncompensated individual volunteer services from a subordinate (*e.g.*, a leader may not solicit, accept or receive a political contribution from a VISTA).