

Job Corps

Job Corps is the nation's largest residential employment and education training program for economically challenged youth, ages 16 to 24. Established in 1964, Job Corps is administered by the United States Department of Labor. The Job Corps program has trained and educated 1.9 million young people, and serves nearly 70,000 young Americans nationwide each year.

The mission of the Job Corps program is to help economically challenged young adults become responsible, employable and productive citizens by providing them with opportunities to develop the vocational, educational and social skills needed to succeed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

To be eligible for the \$25,000 Job Corps Scholarship, you must:

- Be age 16-24 (upper age limit waived if disability is involved);
- Be a resident of the United States;
- Meet federally set income guidelines;
- Be from an area that has conditions that keep you from getting an education or job;
- Be able to benefit and complete the training which you will get at a Job Corps Center;
- Be drug and alcohol free upon entry and remain drug and alcohol free while enrolled in Job Corps;
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TRAINING & EDUCATION

Job Corps offers a variety of self-paced programs for both women and men at more than 119 centers. The training that is offered includes automotive trades, computers, carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, welding, nursing, clerical secretarial, food service and many more. In fact, Job Corps offers training in over 160 different careers. While enrolled in Job Corps, a student has the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or high school equivalency (GED). Students who already have a high school diploma, or earn their educational degree, have the opportunity to attend advanced training classes at Job Corps Centers or local community colleges.

- Statistics show that 80% of Job Corps graduates are placed in jobs, enrolled in full-time education or join the military;
- According to a study conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., \$2.02 is returned to society for every dollar invested in Job Corps. The return is generated through decreased welfare payments, cost reduction for incarceration and increased taxes paid by former students due to increases in earnings.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Job Corps provides an initial health checkup upon arrival at the center as well as basic health and medical services including dental and eye care;
- Job Corps is primarily a residential program, providing students with room, board and spending money while they learn;
- Twice a year, students are provided with paid vacations for home visits.

BONUSES

Job Corps pays students while they are on a center. Students are paid basic living allowances every two weeks. The amount depends on the number of days enrolled:

- First 56 days of enrollment - \$25.00 biweekly
- 57-112 days of enrollment - \$30.00 biweekly
- 113-182 days of enrollment - \$40.00 biweekly
- 183+ days of enrollment - \$50.00 biweekly

Incentives are paid to Job Corps students who earn the following while enrolled:

- Arrival pay (one-time payment) - \$25.00
- Graduate with a GED/HS Diploma - \$250.00
- Graduate with vocational completion only (no GED or high school diploma) - \$750.00
- Graduate with combination GED or HSD and vocational completer - \$1,200.00
- Completion of 13 week, 6 month and 12 month surveys after graduation - \$20.00 ea.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In 1995, Job Corps instituted a zero tolerance policy for drugs and violence. Before entering the program, students must sign a contract committing to abide by the zero tolerance policy and stating that they are entering the program DRUG FREE. All students are tested for drugs upon entering Job Corps. Throughout their enrollment in Job Corps, students can be tested at any time if suspected of drug use. Any violent act is grounds for immediate expulsion.

Job Corps is committed to providing a safe, drug-free environment for its students to ensure they acquire the skills they need to succeed. As a result, some young adults who are on probation, parole or have serious behavioral or drug problems may not be eligible.

CORE & INTENSIVE SERVICES

The enactment of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) has resulted in specific requirements that have been authorized for Job Corps by Congress, in particular, student exposure to One-Stops and various community resources, and in-depth assessment and attention to students needs as it relates to the attainment of employment. In addition, the WIA requires each Job Corps Center to provide Core and Intensive Services to all assigned enrollees.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICE SYSTEM (CDSS)

CDSS is a comprehensive and integrated management system for equipping all Job Corps students with the skills, competencies, knowledge, training and transitional support required to facilitate entry into and sustain their participation in a competitive labor market, the military or advanced education or training. The system is designed to enhance all aspects of the Job Corps experience, which

include the Admissions Process, the Career Preparation Period, the Career Development Period, and the post center Career Transition Period:

- **Admissions Process**

Prospective students will learn about Job Corps and the opportunities available to them. They will be informed about the responsibilities of being a Job Corps student and shown the connection between their Job Corps experience and the achievement of their long-term career goals;

- **Career Preparation Period**

(CPP) is the first sixty (60) days of student enrollment on center. CPP participation activities in Orientation and Occupation Exploration Programs will include job search, employability, and basic information technology skills designed to equip the student with the fundamental tools which are necessary for acquiring employment. At this time, students will have an opportunity to visit a local One-Stop Center to learn about its career offerings;

- **Career Development Period**

Is the next phase in a student's preparation for a career. While enrolled in the program, center staff and employers will provide students with intensive instruction in academic and vocational curricula areas, exposure to interpersonal communication and problem solving skills, and practice in social and personal management skills;

- **Career Transition Period**

Is the time when students leave Job Corps and enter the work world. Center staff, Job Corps Service Providers and Placement Agencies will assist with the attainment of transitional support services, which may include living accommodations, transportation, and family support resources needed to retain employment.

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