

## Abstract

1. Lee College, Baytown, Texas, is the applicant.
2. Lee College Job Corps Scholars (JCS)
3. Baytown, Texas, is the target community. A suburb of Houston, Baytown has an estimated 76,000 residents, about 11,000 of whom are 16-24.
4. 40 Scholars will be served each year for two years, a total of 80 participants.
5. The project does not include a residential component.
6. The proposal requests a total of \$                      over three years.
7. The total cost per participant is \$14,782.
8. Lee College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC) as a community college offering certificates and Associate degrees. It is a Hispanic-Serving Institution.
9. Lee College has extensive experience working with Job Corps eligible student populations, most recently in a 5-year DOL Ready to Work grant training 513 long-term unemployment participants, 149 (30%) of whom were 16-24-year-olds.
10. Personal, employment and career services previously provided by Lee College include skills assessment, financial aid assessment and support, career exploration, education pathways counseling and support, tutoring, mentoring, referrals to support services available in the community including mental health services and veterans support, internships and job placement. Apprenticeships are a new service being provided to interested special populations with five apprenticeships recently registered with DOL.
11. The proposed program will focus on four construction programs that are high-skill, high-demand in the region according to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and that can be

completed in 12 months or less. Two will result in a college certificate: Industrial Systems Machinist offering 29 semester credit hours of credit; and Electrical Technology offering a certificate with 30 semester credit hours. The other two programs are fast-track programs in welding and pipefitting, offering industry-recognized NCCER certification with up to 12 hours of college credit being available through credit-by-prior-learning.

12. The Lee College JCS project was initiated by a report from Rice University in Houston detailing the large number of Opportunity Youth and Young Adults (OYYA), 16 to 24-year-old young people in the Baytown community who were neither in school nor in a full-time job. Based on the college's success serving this population using fast track training models by way of the DOL Ready to Work grant completed in 2019, the JCS program is a fit between need and experience. Lee College proposes to train 80 Scholars in two annual cohorts of 40. At least 64 will complete their training, with 58 of those gaining employment, joining the armed services, enrolling in apprenticeships or continuing their educations over the 12-month employment period.
13. Three Opportunity Zones can be found in the two zip codes that are the focus of the project: 45201253800, 45201254300, and 45201254600.