

## Job Corps Scholars Abstract

- 1. Applicant Name:** Palm Beach State College
- 2. Project Title:** Palm Beach Job Corps Scholars (PBJCS) Program
- 3. Area to be Served:** The PBJCS program will served targeted communities by zip code within Palm Beach County, Florida. Services will be provided on the Lake Worth and Belle Glade campuses.
- 4. Number of Participants:** 80
- 5. Residential Component:** The PBJCS does not have a residential component.
- 6. Funding Level Requested:** \$1,186,900
- 7. Total Cost Per Participant:** \$14,836.25
- 8. Type of Institution:** Accredited, Two-Year Community College
- 9. Experience with Job Corps Population:** Palm Beach State College (PBSC) is located in a geographic area that has a large population of Job Corps-eligible youth, particularly youth in poverty who lack basic skill needed to succeed in postsecondary work. Therefore, PBSC's staff understand the complexities and challenges of serving disadvantaged and underrepresented student populations and has the experience to mitigate barriers to successful training and employment leading to middle-skills wages.
- 10. Personal and Career Counseling Services Provided:** Palm Beach State College provides a variety of personal and career counseling services, including skills and career readiness assessments; career coaching and navigation; mitigation of barriers and referrals to college and community services; financial aid and financial resources counseling; academic counseling; case management; development of Individual Employment Plans; intensive math education; tutoring; pre-employment advising and services; job search assistance; job readiness assistance; and transitional support assistance to facilitate education to employment.

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### **11. Current Technical Career Training Programs Completed in Less Than One Year:**

Computer Programming Specialist (18 credit hours); Network Support Technician (21 credit hours); HVAC (PSAV noncredit clock hours); Welding (PSAV noncredit clock hours); Manufacturing Certified Production Technician (CPT) (noncredit to 15 credit hours)

**12. Summary of Project:** The Palm Beach Job Corps Scholars (PBJCS) is sponsored by Palm Beach State College (PBSC), a public, open-access, diverse state college that serves 49,000 students. PBSC is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the US Department of Education. PBSC was ranked by Community College Week as the 12th largest producer of associate degrees in the country. PBSC offers career training, corporate and continuing education, has 130 programs of study leading to associate and baccalaureate degrees, and contains five campuses: Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens, Belle Glade, and Loxahatchee Groves. The PBJCS program is well-positioned to assist low income, Job Corps-eligible youth with skills training and employment. Palm Beach County is characterized by areas that are extremely wealthy and portions of the County that have pockets of extreme poverty and a generational lack of skills and educational attainment. The PBJCS program targets these areas of poverty and lack of educational access to reach youth who can break the generational cycle and be upwardly mobile.

**13. Opportunity Zones (2 points):** The PBJCS targeted communities service region does have at least one census tract designated as a Qualified Opportunity Zone Tract: 12099005102 in Lake Worth, FL.