

Job Corps Scholars Abstract

1. **Applicant Name:** Vance Granville Community College
2. **Project Title:** Vance Granville Job Corps Scholars (VGJCS) Program
3. **Area to be Served:** The VGJCS program will served targeted communities by zip code within the four counties of Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren in North Carolina.
4. **Number of Participants:** 80
5. **Residential Component:** The VGJCS 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:** Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) is located in a geographic area that has a large population of Job Corps-eligible youth. Therefore, VGCC's ongoing student services matrix is attuned to the complexities and challenges of serving disadvantaged and underrepresented student populations.
10. **Personal and Career Counseling Services Provided:** Vance Granville Community College provides a variety of personal and career counseling services, including skills and career readiness assessments; strengths assessments; career coaching; mitigation of barriers and referrals to college and community services; financial aid and financial resources counseling; academic counseling and navigation; case management; development of Individual Service Strategy Plans; pre-employment advising and services; job search assistance; job readiness assistance; and transitional support assistance to facilitate education to employment.
11. **Current Technical Career Training Programs Completed in Less Than One Year:** Office Administration (36 credit hours); Information Technology (36 credit hours); HVAC (43 credit hours); Automotive Technology (40 credit hours); Electrical Systems (39 credit hours); Welding (38 credit hours); BioWorks (136 clock hours) (noncredit training)

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- 12. Summary of Project:** The Vance Granville Job Corps Scholars (VGJCS) program provides high-quality training, counseling, and employment services to low income youth with barriers to training and employment. VGJCS is sponsored by Vance Granville Community College (VGCC), an open access, minority-serving institution and the only community college in the four-county area that it serves. The VGCC four-county areas is primarily rural with a dispersed population facing significant economic hardships and a high incidence of poverty. The VGJCS program is well-positioned to assist low income, Job Corps-eligible youth with skills training and employment as sectors such as manufacturing and healthcare are realizing growth, and companies attempt to expand operations or open new facilities of varying types. Employer and community partners are accessible to VGCC as it bridges the gap between low income youth with barriers to employment, who need opportunities to build skills and competencies, with the companies looking to hire workers in career pathways at good wages. Proposed outcomes include: 80 participants served; 75% separation rate; 55 participants realize a Qualifying Separation—50 participants employed, four participants in apprenticeships, and one participant enrolled in the military; starting wages range from \$11.93 to \$19.69 depending on training pathway.
- 13. Opportunity Zones (2 points):** The VGJCS targeted communities service region does have at least one census tract designated as a Qualified Opportunity Zone Tract: 37181960500 in Henderson, NC.