

## **Abstract**

**Applicant Name:** Community College District of Central SW MO dba Ozarks Technical Community College

**Project Title:** OTC Job Corps Scholars Program

**Area to be Served:** OTC serves 12 counties in southwest Missouri. The target community for the program will be Springfield, MO (2010 Census population: 159,498).

**Funding Level Requested/Cost per Participant:** \$1,168,123 (\$14,602 per participant)

Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) will provide intensive job training and placement services in the target community of Springfield, MO. This program will add to the existing six programs that target high-school and/or high-needs populations already operating successfully at OTC. Utilizing decades of experience and leveraging existing relationships, OTC Job Corps Scholars will provide another option for youth to gain the skills necessary to enter high-demand, high-wage sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, and technical trades.

The OTC Job Corps Scholars program will serve 80 participants in two 40 participant cohorts. Students enrolled at OTC already receive counseling in the form of advising and have access to the diverse services available on campus. These services include: comprehensive career center, counseling, tutoring, health clinic, writing center, and library. However, to increase the success of participants in the OTC Job Corps Scholars Program, they will also work with both a Personal and Career Counselor as well as an Employment Counselor to explore career options and choose a training program to achieve their goals. Available training programs include (credit hours in parentheses, non-credit denoted with “NC”): 20 Week Welding (34), Administrative Assistant (33), Business and Marketing (30), Computer Information Science (30), Construction Technology (31), Computer Science (31), Culinary Arts-Baking (30), Diesel Technology (32),

Drafting and Design Technology (32), Early Childhood Development (30), Electrical (34), Electronic Media Production (32), Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (7), Fire Science Fundamental Firefighting (38), Industrial Systems Technology (31), Precision Machining Technology (32), Manufacturing Technology (31), Networking Technology (32), Turf and Landscape Management (32), Certified Nursing Assistant (NC), Certified Medical Assistant (NC), Phlebotomy Technician (NC), Pharmacy Technician (NC), Welding (NC), Manufacturing Technician (NC), IT Technical Support (NC), and Hemodialysis Technician (NC).

In addition to training, participants in the OTC Job Corps Program will receive up to 12 months of assistance with transitioning into the workforce from an Employment Counselor. OTC will incorporate additional services into the program to support participants. Participants will receive a stipend to offset food and housing costs during their training component, although housing will not be provided on-site. Additionally, the program will have an emergency assistance fund to provide participants with a safety net in the case of an unexpected expense.

Through this highly supportive program, OTC Job Corps Scholars expects that 80% of participants will successfully complete their training component, 60% will be employed at separation, 75% will be employed by the end of the 12-month employment counseling. Participants will have an average starting wage of \$15.00/hr at separation and \$15.75/hr after employment counseling.

OTC has the following opportunity zones in its 12 county service area (zones in the target community are **bolded**): 29059480200, **29077000100, 29077000600, 29077000700, 29077001200, 29077001500, 29077002200, 29077003600, 29077004302, 29077004400, 29077005600**, 29105960100, 29105960400, 29105960500, 29105960600, 29167960100, 29167960400, 29169470101, 29169470102, and 29213480105.