



## Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



The Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is located in Cherokee, North Carolina, in the gorgeous Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The 15-acre residential campus sits near the Cherokee Indian Reservation along banks of the Oconaluftee River.

### Benefits

- ✓ Free to eligible men and women ages 16 through 24
- ✓ Free housing, meals, and basic medical care
- ✓ Earn your high school diploma or GED
- ✓ State certified apprenticeship programs
- ✓ Hands-on training in high-growth industries
- ✓ Advanced career vocational training
- ✓ Take college-level classes while living on center
- ✓ Opportunity to gain career federal government employment
- ✓ Upon graduation, secure a job with good pay and benefits, be placed in an apprenticeship, join the military, or advance to higher education

### Career Technical Training

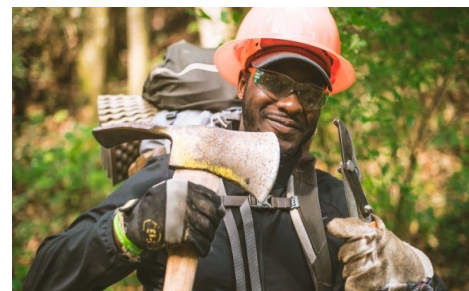
- ✓ Advanced Forestry Technician
- ✓ Certified Nurse Assistant
- ✓ Forestry Conservation and Firefighting
- ✓ Union Building Construction Technology
- ✓ Union Electrical

### Additional Training Opportunities

- ✓ Wilderness Discovery Certification program
- ✓ Wildland Firefighter Certification
- ✓ Wildland Firefighting Camp Crew Certification
- ✓ Train as a first responder during local, state, and national disasters

### By the Numbers

**Students: 114**  
**Federal Employees: 42**  
**Contract Employees: 12**  
**Average Center Budget: \$4.5-6M**  
**April 30, 2021 Center Rank:**  
**94 of 117**  
**April 30, 2021 Graduate**  
**Placement Rank: 5 of 117**





## Work-Based Learning Partnerships

Oconaluftee Job Corps works closely with partners to create “earn while you learn” opportunities, provide career ladder opportunities, and promote a culture of employment through collaboration with:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Asplundh
- Blue Ridge Home Health Care
- Coca-Cola Corporation
- U.S. Department of Interior
- U.S. Forest Service

## College Education

The College Program is an advanced training program offered through a partnership with Southwestern Community College.

## Student Programs & Organizations

- **Drivers Education:** Driver's Education is available to all students needing their driver's license. Permits and licensing fees for students are paid for by the center.
- **Living Allowance:** Cash living allowance paid twice a month.
- **Recreation Activities:** Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Bowling, Games, Movies, Outings, Softball, and Video Games.
- **Student Government Association:** The Student Government Association (SGA) is the voice of our students in center operations.
- **Community Service:** Volunteer opportunities that align with a student's career pathway, such as building new playgrounds, patching up sidewalks, or cleaning up parks.

## Graduate Benefits

- Connect with a network of employers and community leaders.
- Personal plan with a step-by-step process for entering the workforce.
- For 12 months after graduation, counselors will help you look for a job.
- Transition allowance of up to \$1,000 to assist you with transportation, housing services and job placement.

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