

UNITED STATES YOUNG ADULT CONSERVATION CORPS



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WHAT IS YACC?

The Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC), established by Public Law 95-93, is a program to provide year-round jobs for unemployed and out-of-school young men and women, ages 16 through 23, in conservation work on national forests, national parks, fish hatcheries, wildlife refuges, and other public lands. The program is administered jointly by the Departments of Labor, Agriculture and the Interior through an inter-agency agreement. YACC has both residential camps and non-residential work projects.

Thirty percent of the funds available are used to support a grant program for States to conduct YACC projects on state and local public lands. Enrollees may participate in the program for a maximum of 12 months. Preference is given to prospective enrollees who reside in areas which have an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent or more.

WHAT ARE ITS OBJECTIVES?

- Help alleviate the nation's youth unemployment problem
- Accomplish needed conservation work on public lands

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Act establishing the Corps provides that "The Corps shall be open to youth from all parts of the country of both sexes and youth of all social, economic, and racial classifications."

Prospective enrollees must be:

- 16 through 23 years of age
- unemployed
- citizens or lawfully admitted aliens
- out-of-school; enrollees must give assurance they have not left school for the purpose of entering the corps and are not using the program for summer employment
- be capable as determined by the Department of Labor of carrying out the work of the corps; each individual must provide a record of physical examination before enrollment; and have a social security number and a work permit if required by state law
- parental consent must be obtained where necessary

WAGES?

Enrollees receive the minimum hourly wage. Higher rates of pay are paid to enrollees performing additional duties of responsibility such as crew leaders.

HOW TO APPLY?

Applications for enrollment can be obtained from the nearest state employment service office and must be filed with that office for prospective enrollees to be considered for employment.

HOW DOES YACC OPERATE?

Multiple sources will be used for the recruitment of candidates for YACC. The Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration is responsible for the referral of prospective enrollees through state employment agencies. Agriculture's Forest Service, and Department of the Interior agencies are responsible for the selection of enrollees, and the establishment and management of the camps and projects.

TYPES OF WORK?

Enrollees are involved in all types of labor intensive conservation work including: vegetation and wildlife preservation, management, and improvement; recreational facilities development, rehabilitation, and maintenance; insect and disease prevention and control; and natural disaster damage control and cleanup.

WHAT ABOUT STATE PROJECTS?

The Departments of Agriculture and the Interior are administering a grant program for State-operated YACC projects. For this portion of the program, Federal funds are given to States to meet the costs of YACC projects to develop, preserve, and maintain public lands managed by States or local government units.

State, county, municipal, and other local governments may apply for grants through the Governor's designated YACC program agent. A program agent has been designated in each State, as well as in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa. These agents are the contact persons for all YACC State grant business between local government officials and Federal government YACC officials. Eligibility requirements, program design information, and application procedures for YACC grants may be provided to prospective grantees by the Governor's YACC program agents in each State.