



PROJECT SKILL UP Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund

Project Skill Up is funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission which supports short term occupational skills training for North Carolina residents who reside in areas which have been adversely impacted by changes in the tobacco industry. Training must be in high growth industries and will include JobsNOW Program course offerings.

The Scholarship Committee will determine eligibility and select students for awards with primary consideration given to students from families that have been directly affected by the decline of the tobacco industry. However, all students who meet the requirements stated below are eligible to apply and are encouraged to do so.

This program provides grants to cover the cost of tuition or registration fees **only** for JobsNOW Program Courses. The cost for books and other educationally related expenses (if any) **will not** be covered by this grant.

To be eligible, a community college student must:

- Be a permanent resident of Avery, Mitchell, or Yancey Counties. (Must verify using NC Driver's License or ID Card)
- Be 18 years of age or older (Must verify using NC Driver's License/ID Card or Birth Certificate)
- Be unemployed
- Show academic growth through being enrolled/having completed the GED Program; progressing towards or acquiring the CRC (Career Readiness Certificate); and/or being enrolled in or having completed the HRD Employability Skills Class
- Have a specific career plan for employment

To apply:

- Complete all fields of the application in as much detail as possible. Please write legibly.
- In **Section II – Question 1:** Respond to the question about how your family has been adversely affected by the decline of the tobacco industry. Even families who have never grown tobacco have been indirectly affected by the loss of this industry in our area. If you fall in this category, please answer the questions generically, stating how you think our entire area has been affected by this loss.
- In **Section II – Question 3:** List the tuition costs or registration fees associated with the JobsNOW Program you are interested in.
- Sign and date the application.
- Return everything to the Mayland Receptionist's Desk located at the entrance to Gwaltney Hall or mail to Jennie Harpold at MCC, PO Box 547 Spruce Pine, NC at least 2 weeks before the start of the first class.



3) Please list all leadership and/or community activities you are currently involved in. _____

4) Please list any programs/courses you are currently enrolled in or have completed that would show growth on your behalf. (i.e. GED; CRC; HRD Courses) _____

5) Please place an "X" in the blank beside the intended use of these funds, if awarded.

_____ Certified Nursing Assistant	_____ HVAC (Heating/Air Conditioning)
_____ Phlebotomy	_____ Welding
_____ Carpentry	_____ Masonry
_____ Electrical /Electronics	_____ Office Administration (List class)

I have read and understand the requirements for assistance. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

6) _____
Applicant's Signature Date

_____ **For Official Use Only** _____

Total aid awarded for tuition: \$ _____

Occupational Education Program: _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Denied: _____ Date: _____

Selection Committee: _____
HRD Representative Date

_____ Date
JobsNOW Coordinator

_____ Date
JobsNOW Instructor