There are several **free national job training programs** for youth nationwide. These programs offer career training, educational support, and employment opportunities for young people. Here are some of the most notable ones:

## **Job Corps**

- Description: A federally funded program that provides free career training and education for youth ages 16–24 in fields like healthcare, construction, IT, and more. Job Corps is the nation's largest free residential education and job training program for young adults offering training in various vocational fields, including healthcare, construction, and information technology.Participants can also earn a high school diploma or GED.
- **Eligibility:** Low-income young adults (16-24 years old).
- Job Corps

#### YouthBuild USA

- **Description:** A **pre-apprenticeship** program for low-income youth **ages 16-24** that provides hands-on construction training while earning a high school diploma or GED. Some programs also offer training in healthcare, IT, and customer service.
- **Eligibility:** Youth who left high school without graduating or are struggling to find stable work.
- YouthBuild USA

### CareerOneStop - Youth Program Finder

- Description: A tool from the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages
  14-24 find free job training programs in their area. Programs include apprenticeships, internships, and vocational training.
- <u>CareerOneStop Youth Program Finder</u>

## **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)**

- Description: A free national service program for young adults ages 18-26, offering hands-on experience in disaster relief, environmental conservation, and infrastructure improvement. Members receive a living stipend and an education award for college or vocational training.
- AmeriCorps NCCC

#### Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program

• **Description:** A **federal** program that provides **free** job training, internships, and mentorship for **low-income youth (ages 14-24)**. Training is available in industries such as healthcare, IT, and skilled trades.

• WIOA Youth Program

#### Per Scholas

- Description: A free IT job training program for young adults interested in careers in technology. Offers certification programs in cybersecurity, software engineering, and IT support.
- Eligibility: Young adults (18+) from underserved communities.
- Per Scholas

# Year Up

- Description: A free, one-year job training program for low-income young adults (ages 18-26) focused on careers in IT, finance, business, and software development. Includes an internship at a major company.
- Year Up

# Train & Earn (New York City)

- **Description:** Formerly known as the Out-of-School Youth Program, Train & Earn is a career pathways program for New York City residents aged 16–24 who are not working and not in school. It provides comprehensive job training, employment services, and support to help participants find permanent jobs and pursue further education.
- Train & Earn

## **State-Specific Programs**

- Description: Many states offer free job training programs for youth through their labor departments or workforce development agencies. It's advisable to visit your state's labor department website to explore available opportunities.
- State Labor Departments

These programs aim to equip young individuals with the skills and education needed to enter the workforce successfully. It's recommended to visit each program's website or contact them directly to obtain the most current information on eligibility, enrollment, and specific services offered.