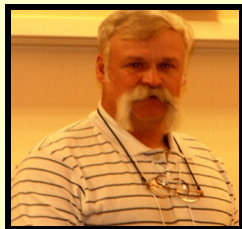


# National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)



## Success *STORIES*



Leslie Hallam was employed in farmwork for over 10 years. His goal was to become a Farrier. He contacted AHDC to help him attend the Arkansas Horseshoeing School. He was enrolled in a 12 week program. He completed training and started a horse shoeing business in Phillips County. In addition to providing services to 25 horses, he uses the same equipment to hand craft knives which he



Brad Wood wanted a good job after high school with good wages and benefits and that would allow him to become more financially self-sufficient. He was referred to AHDC by a knowledgeable employee at Arkansas Tech University (ATU). He enrolled in the Welding program at ATU in May 2010 and completed the program in May 2011. AHDC paid for his tuition, books and supplies. He began work in September 2011 at

The **Mission** of Arkansas Human Development Corporation (AHDC) is to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities through collaborative initiatives.

**Program Overview** — AHDC helps seasonal farmworkers acquire marketable job skills leading to full time employment within the Agricultural industry and helps those who prefer to transition to occupations outside of agriculture. The NFJP is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. All services are free.

**Who does the NFJP Serve?** Migrant and Seasonal farmworkers and their dependents.

### What is a Migrant and Seasonal farmworker?

**Migrant** workers are employed in agricultural labor but are unable to return home in the same day.

**Seasonal** workers are employed in agricultural labor but do not work full-time the whole year.

### What jobs are considered Migrant or Seasonal Farmwork?

- Driving tractors
- Ginning cotton
- Planting crops
- Raising poultry
- Dairy farming
- Picking fruits or vegetables
- Caring for livestock
- Tree farming
- Nurseries
- And many more

### Available Services

- Employment Readiness
- On-the-Job Training - cost of training shared with employer
- Occupational Skills Training - payment of tuition, books and supplies and \$ for each hour of lab and classroom training
- Related Assistance - help with childcare, housing,

### Eligibility Criteria?

- U.S. citizen or legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- Employed in agricultural jobs recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- More than 50% of total income for the past 12 months or any consecutive 12-month period out of the past 24 months earned from farmwork.
- Must have earned \$800 or worked at least 25 days during eligibility period.
- Earned less than the poverty guideline amount based on size of family.
- Registered with Selective Services (if a male and born after January 1,1960)
- Dependents and spouses of seasonal or migrant farmworkers are also eligible.



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