

CWP Policy and Procedure Manual

Program: WIOA Youth	Section: 5-10
Subject: Eligibility	Effective Date: 7/1/15 Rev. 3/9/15

A. Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in WIOA youth activities during any program year an individual shall, at the time the eligibility determination is made, be an out-of-school youth as defined by Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 129(a)(1)(B). See definition below.

WIOA Definition of “out-of-school youth”

The term “out-of-school youth” means an individual who is:

1. not attending any school (as defined under State law);
2. not younger than age 16 or older than age 24; and
3. one or more of the following:
 - a. A school *dropout*.
 - b. A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter.
 - c. A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a *low-income individual and is—*
 - i. *basic skills deficient*; or
 - ii. *an English language learner*.
 - d. An individual who is subject to the *juvenile or adult justice system*.
 - e. A *homeless* individual (as defined in section 41403 (6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e–2 (6))), a homeless child or youth (as defined in section 725 (2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a (2))), a *runaway*, in *foster care or has aged out of the foster care system*, a child eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out of- home placement.
 - f. An individual who is *pregnant or parenting*.
 - g. A youth who is an individual with a *disability*.
 - h. A *low-income individual who requires additional assistance* to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.

B. Special Assistance Categories

Youth who come from low-income families and do not possess any one of the risk factors identified in section A above, may participate in programming if they need additional assistance due to one of the following:

- a) Youth of color who is a child of a single parent
- b) Youth of color who is a child of parents without postsecondary education
- c) Young victim of violence/assault or exposed to violence/assault
- d) Young male of color

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C. Addition Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the above WIOA eligibility criteria, the WIOA Youth applicant must:

1. Reside in one of the 37 towns within the North Central region.
2. Be authorized to work in the United States.
3. Register with Selective Service, if applicable.

D. Targeted Subpopulations

Within the eligible population as defined above in sections A and B, CWP prioritizes programming to the following subpopulations:

- a) Youth of color
- b) Young parents
- c) Youth in or aging/aged of foster care
- d) Youth who are involved in the justice system
- e) Youth with disabilities