

Local Workforce Area 22 -Youth WIOA Eligibility Policy

Definition of “Out of School Youth Eligibility Requirements”

Effective July 1, 2015

To be provided services under the youth funding stream as an “out of school youth”, the individual must be:

- 1) Not attending any school as defined under state law, individuals attending Adult Education provided under Title II of WIOA, Youth Build or Job Corps are also classified as out-of-school youth;
- 2) Not younger than age 17 or older than age 24; and
- 3) One or more of the following:
 - a) A school dropout as defined by the state,
 - b) Within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter as defined by the school district and the applicable school based on the student’s residence or assignment;
 - c) A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is:
 - i) Basic skills deficient (20 CFR 681.290); or
 - ii) An English language learner.
 - d) Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system;
 - e) Homeless¹, a homeless child or youth², a runaway, in foster care or aged out of the foster care system, a child eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act³, or in an out-of-home placement;
 - f) Pregnant or parenting;
 - g) An individual with a disability⁴;
 - h) A low-income individual requiring additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.

For individuals required to attend school under applicable state compulsory school attendance laws, the priority of assistance shall be for the individual to attend school regularly.

¹As defined in Section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 USC 14043e-2(6))

²As defined in Section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 114343(2)).

³42 USC 677

⁴As defined in Section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12102). Refer to 20 CFR 681.280 for income parameters.