



WIA Youth Eligibility Training



General Eligibility

To participate in WIA programs, youth must meet general eligibility requirements. Case managers must maintain documentation that supports the determination of eligibility.

- Age (14 – 21)**
- Citizenship or Authorization to Work**
- Selective Service Registrant (males 18+)**



Youth Eligibility Requirement

To be determined eligible for WIA services, a youth must be determined low-income and have an identified barrier to employment. [WIA Section 101(13)]

Exception – 5% Window:

A small number of individuals (5% of youth participants) who do not meet the low-income definition may be served if they meet one of the conditions listed in WIA Section 129(c)(5).



Low-Income Public Assistance

Low-income definition WIA Section 101(25)

1. Public Cash Assistance – an individual who receives or is a member of a family that receives public cash assistance.

Verification

○ **Public Assistance Records/ Printout**



Low-Income Food Stamps

2. Food Stamps – an individual who receives or was determined eligible to receive Food Stamps in the last six months.

Verification

- **Public assistance records/printout**
- **Current authorization to obtain food stamps**

Low-Income Homeless



3. Homeless – an individual that lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence. Any individual who has a primary night-time residence that is:

- a. a publicly or privately operated shelter;**
- b. an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized;**
- c. a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation; or**
- d. Runaway Youth**

**Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
Section 103 (a) and (c)**



Low-Income Homeless

Homeless does not include an individual imprisoned or detained under an Act of Congress or State Law. An individual who may be sleeping in a temporary accommodation while away from home should not, as a result of that alone, be recorded as homeless.

Verification

- **Written statement from an individual providing temporary assistance or social service agency**
- **Applicant statement/self attestation, in limited cases**

Low-Income Foster Child

4. Foster Child – a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made

Verification

- **Court records**
- **Verification of payments made on behalf of child**
- **Written statement from state/local agency**





Low-Income Family Income

5. Family Income:

- **Received an income, or is a member of a family that received income**
- **For the 6-month period prior to the application**
- **That, in relation to the family size does not exceed the higher of:**
 - **The poverty line**
 - **70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)**



Low-Income Individual with Disability

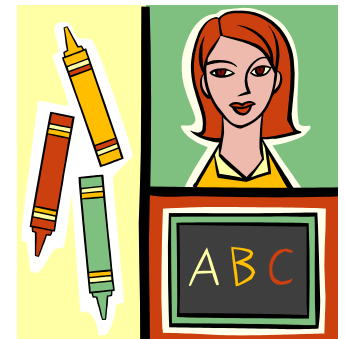
6. Individual with a Disability (Family of One)

- **An individual with a disability**
- **Whose family income exceeds the poverty level and 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)**
- **Whose own income meets the poverty level or 70% of the LLSIL**

Regular Youth Barriers

WIA law requires that low-income youth also face a “barrier”. Specific barriers are described in WIA 101(13)(C):

- a. Basic Skills Deficient – reading, writing, or math skills below 9th grade**
- b. School Dropout – no longer attending any school and has not received high school diploma or equivalent**
- c. Homeless, Runaway, or Foster Child**
- d. Pregnant or Parenting**
- e. Offender – has been subject to any stage of criminal justice process**





Regular Youth Barriers

- f. **An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment will be eligible for WIA services even without one of the listed barriers shown on the previous slide.**

Note:

Definitions and eligibility verification criteria for the “requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment” standard must be established by the Local Board.



5% Window Barriers

- a. School Dropout**
- b. Basic Skills Deficient**
- c. Pregnant or Parenting**
- d. Homeless or Runaway**
- e. Offender**
- f. At Grade Level below age-appropriate grade**
- g. Individual with a Disability**



5% Window Barriers

The definition of an individual with a disability comes from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102, *et seq.*) :

A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the person's major life activities.



5% Window Barriers

- h. An individual who faces serious barriers to employment as identified by the local board.**

Note:

Definitions and eligibility verification criteria for the “faces serious barriers to employment” standard must be established by the Local Board.



Quiz 1

An individual must be at least 16 to be eligible for WIA youth services.

- a. **True**
- b. **False**



Quiz 2

An original social security card demonstrates that a client is authorized to work in the United States unless...



Quiz 3

A youth whose mother receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) meets the low-income criterion.

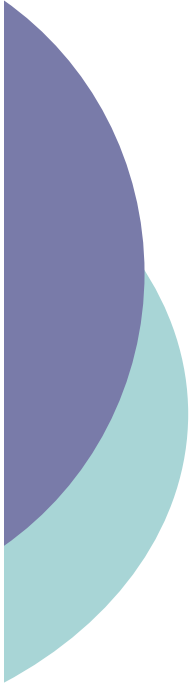
- a. **True**
- b. **False**



Quiz 4

Which of the following 5% Window barriers are also regular barriers? Select all that apply.

- a. **School Dropout**
- b. **Basic Skills Deficient**
- c. **At Grade Level below age-appropriate grade**
- d. **Pregnant or Parenting**
- e. **Individuals with Disabilities**
- f. **Homeless or Runaway**
- g. **Offender**



Questions?