

WIA YOUTH ELIGIBILITY FOR SUMMER STIMULUS

(Per SNWIB Policy 3.0r, State Policy 2.1, & ARRA)

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- A. All youth must be registered and determined WIA eligible in order to receive WIA youth funding/services.
- B. To be eligible for youth services, individuals must:
1. Be age 14 through 24 (*for Economic Stimulus purposes*);
 2. Comply with Selective Service legislation by providing documents to demonstrate compliance with Selective Service requirements;
 3. Comply with citizenship and eligibility work requirements by providing documents necessary to validate the same;
 4. Provide documentation of Social Security Number [State requirement];
 5. Be an individual who meets the definition of low-income (*see income guidelines below*);
 6. Be within one or more of the following categories:
 - a. Deficient in basic literacy skills, **or**
 - b. School dropout, **or**
 - c. Homeless, runaway, or foster child; **or**
 - d. Pregnant or parenting; **or**
 - e. Offender; **or**
 - f. Is an individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or to secure and hold employment. *This item has been defined as:*
 - i. Former Foster youth;
 - ii. Disabled, including those with “hidden disabilities” such as learning, mental health, emotional, behavioral disabilities;
 - iii. Limited English Proficient;
 - iv. Children of Incarcerated Parents;
 - v. Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System, including those in diversion and those not convicted of a crime;
 - vi. Youth who are at-risk of dropping out of secondary school defined as:
 - (b) A youth who is credit deficient for their current grade;
 - (c) A youth who failed the high school proficiency exam or 8th grade exit exam; a youth has attendance and/or behavioral issues based upon referrals from a school counselor, teacher or school administrator; or
 - (d) A youth who failed a core high school course or who had a 2.0 or lower GPA.
 - vii. Not work ready (*for Economic Stimulus purposes*)
- C. Up to five percent (5%) of youth participants served by youth programs in a local area may be individuals who do not meet the income criterion for eligible youth, provided that they are within one or more of categories (1-6 above).

Income Guidelines

An individual who meets the definition of low income is defined as an individual who:

1. Receives, or is a member of a family that receives, cash payments under a Federal, State, or local income-based public assistance program; or
2. Is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the six month period prior to application for the program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); or
3. Qualifies as a homeless individual as defined in subsections (a) and (c) of Section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302); or
4. Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or Local government payments are made; or
5. Is an individual with a disability whose own income meets requirements described above even if the individual family does not meet those requirements (§663.250); or
6. Received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to registration for services [exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments and old-age and survivors insurance received under Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)] that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of:
 - a) Poverty line*; or
 - b) 70 % of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)*.

In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act State Compliance Policy Section 1.7, income guidelines used to determine income eligibility for low-income individuals shall be 70% of Lower Living Standard Incoming Levels (LLSIL). Effective July 1, 2008, shall be:

Family Size	Poverty Guidelines*	70% LLSIL*
1	\$10,400	\$9,240
2	14,000	15,142
3	17,600	20,790
4	21,200	25,665
5	24,800	30,285
6	28,400	35,422
7	32,000	45,559
8	35,600	45,696
<i>For additional family members add: \$ 3,600</i>		\$5,137