

Non-Income Eligible Youth Policy

Background

Workforce Investment Area (WIA) Rules and Regulations 664.220 allow up to 5% of youth participants served by youth programs in a local area may be individuals who do not meet the income criteria for eligible youth; provided the youth ***“faces serious barriers to employment”*** criteria.

Non-income eligible youth must have at least one of the following eight barriers:

- School Drop-out
- Basic Skills deficient, as defined in WIA section 101(4)
- One or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the youth’s age
- Pregnant or parenting
- Posses one or more disabilities, including learning disabilities
- Homeless or runaway
- Offender
- Face serious barriers to employment as identified by the Local Board (WIA sec. 129(c)(5))
 - No/sporadic/poor work history
 - Mental health issues
 - Lack of career goals
 - Cyclical pattern of DSS involvement
 - Former Foster Care youth

Barrier(s) must have hard copy documentation in the participant’s file.

Acceptable forms for verification for youth eligibility including those required for non-income eligible youth are as follows: a copy of the completed verification must be included in each youth participant record

Attached is the Youth Eligibility Verification Form