

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eligibility and Suitability Requirements Overview

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements:

- Must meet draft registration requirements (males only)
- Must be eligible to work in the US

ADULT ELIGIBILITY

Adults are individuals age 18 and older who at time of application are unemployed OR who are under-employed, OR whose family meets adult low income on the income guidelines below:

Program Years 2021-2022 Six-Month Income Guidelines for WIOA Low Income Level Figures Effective May 1, 2021						
Family Size	Metropolitan Areas	Metro Areas 200%	Atlanta MSA	Atlanta MSA 200%	Nonmetropolitan Areas	Non-metro Areas 200%
1	\$6,795	\$13,590	\$6,795	\$13,590	\$6,795	\$13,590
2	9,155	18,310	9,155	18,310	9,155	18,310
3	11,675	23,350	11,515	23,030	11,515	23,030
4	14,413	28,826	14,040	28,080	13,999	27,998
5	17,011	34,022	16,570	33,140	16,520	33,040
6	19,895	39,790	19,377	38,754	19,319	38,638
7	22,780	45,560	22,184	44,368	22,119	44,238
8	25,664	51,328	24,991	49,982	24,918	49,836
For each over 8 add:	2,885	5,770	2,807	5,614	2,800	5,600

Acceptable Documentation:

- **If unemployed:** Proof of unemployed status at time of application including information on last employment/employer, pay stubs for last employment period and/or tax forms (W2) **OR**
- **For under-employed or low-income:** Food Stamps or TANF Letter (Current within last 6 months) **OR** Paycheck stubs (for 6 months or Letter from Employer **AND**)
- Completed Family Income and Composition Form

DISLOCATED WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- Terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment
- Eligible for or has exhausted unemployment insurance
- Unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation
- Terminated due to a permanent closure or substantial layoff
- Employed at a facility where employer has said the facility will close within 180 days
- Was self-employed but unemployed now due to economic conditions
- Is a displaced homemaker no longer supported by another family member

Acceptable Documentation:

- Notice of Layoff, Separation Notice or U.I. Determination Letter (Layoff due to no fault of the customer)
- Job Search Records
- Verification of Unemployment Insurance Status (Claims Determination Letter)
- Spouse Layoff (Displaced Homemakers Only)

YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Out-of-School Youth (OSY)

Out-of-school youth must be age 16-24, not attending any school and meet one or more additional conditions which could include:

- School dropout
- Within age of compulsory attendance but has not attended for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter
- Holds a secondary school diploma and is low-income, basic skills deficient or an English language learner
- Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
- Homeless, runaway, in foster care of aged out of the foster care system, eligible for assistance under Section 477, Social Security Act, or in out-of-home placement
- Pregnant or parenting
- Individual with a disability
- Low-income who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment