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GENERAL YOUTH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. To be eligible to participate in activities carried out under this chapter during any Program Year an individual shall, at the time of eligibility determination is made, be an Out-of-School Youth or an In-School Youth.
2. In each Local Area, not more than 5 percent of the youth individuals assisted under this section may be persons who would be covered individuals, except that the persons are not low-income individuals.
 - A. The calculation is based on the percentage of all youth served by the program in the Local Area's WIOA youth program in a given program year.
3. Individuals that choose to access the youth program based solely on disability as an eligibility criterion will be required to provide evidence of disability.
 - a) If an individual is determined eligible for the youth program based on other eligibility criteria or if disability status is disclosed after enrollment, disability self-attestation is sufficient for the Participant's file.
 - b) Additional evidence of disability is not required if the youth eligibility determination is not made based solely on disability.
4. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "low-income", used with respect to an individual, also includes a youth living in a High-Poverty area.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (OSY)

1. To be provided services under the youth funding stream as an “out-of-school youth”, the individual must be:
 - A. Not attending any school as defined under state law, individuals attending Adult Education provided under WIOA Title II, Youth Build or Job Corps are also classified as out-of-school youth;
 - B. Not younger than age 16 or older than age 24; and
 - C. One or more of the following:
 - 1) A School Dropout as defined by the state;
 - 2) 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;
 - 3) A Recipient of a Secondary School diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a Low-Income Individual and is:
 - a) Basic Skills Deficient; or
 - b) An English Language Learner.
 - 4) Subject to the juvenile or adult justice system;
 - 5) Homeless Individual , a Homeless child or youth , 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 Act (42 U.S.C.677), or in an out-of-home placement;
 - 6) Pregnant or parenting;
 - 7) An Individual with a Disability;
 - 8) A low-income individual requiring additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.
2. 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.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-SCHOOL YOUTH (ISY)

The term “In-School Youth ” means an individual who is

1. Attending school (as defined by State law);
2. Not younger than age 14 or (unless an Individual with a Disability who is attending school under State law) older than age 21;
3. A Low-Income Individual; and
4. One or more of the following:
 - A. Basic Skills Deficient.
 - B. An English Language Learner.
 - C. An Offender.
 - D. A Homeless Individual , a Homeless child or youth , a Runaway , in foster care or has aged out of the foster care system, a child eligible for assistance under Section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out-of-home placement.
 - E. Pregnant or parenting.
 - F. A youth who is an individual with a disability.
 - G. An individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.