

### Overview

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federally-funded program that is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. WIOA presents a great opportunity to improve job and career options for young workers and jobseekers through a combined workforce system. The WIOA youth program is available to individuals who are both in-school and out-of-school.

### Out-of-School Youth Requirements

Out-of-School youth are individuals who are not attending school, between the ages of 16 to 24 and meet one or more of the following:

- School dropouts.
- Homeless youth, runaways, foster children.
- Youth with a disability.
- Youth who are subject to the juvenile or adult justice system.
- Youth who are school age but have not attended school for the most recent complete school year calendar quarter.
- Recipients of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who are low-income individuals and are basic skills deficient or English language learners.
- Low-income youth who require additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.

### In-School Youth Requirements

In-School youth are individuals who are attending school, between the ages of 14 to 21, meet the low-income criteria and fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Basic skills deficient.
- English language learner.
- Offenders.
- Pregnant or parenting.
- Youth with disabilities.
- Homeless youth, runaways, foster children.
- Individuals who require additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.



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