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PURPOSE

To establish a comprehensive policy for the registration of youth participants under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to ensure eligibility of individuals being served with WIOA Youth funds.

POLICY

As outlined in WIOA, EOWB expects contractors funded with WIOA resources to make every effort to integrate and align services as part of a broader youth vision to leverage other Federal, state, local and philanthropic resources to support Out-of-School and In-School Youth. In addition, EOWB investments into youth services are intended to ensure that eligible youth have the skills to become employed and continue along career paths that lead to greater self-sufficiency.

ELIGIBILITY

Youth participants engaged in services funded with WIOA Title I funds must meet the minimum eligibility requirements established in this document, as either an Out-of-School Youth (OSY) or an In-School Youth (ISY). Participants must comply with the requirements of Selective Service Registration and be eligible to work in the United States. Eligibility requirements are to be applied equally to all applicants.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

1. Oregon defines a school dropout as an individual who:
 - a. Has enrolled for the current school year, or was enrolled in the previous school year and did not attend during the current school year; or
 - b. Is not a high school graduate; or
 - c. Has not received a certificate for passing an approved high school equivalency test such as the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exam; or
 - d. Has withdrawn from school.

Furthermore; a student at the time of program enrollment who has not attended school for ten consecutive days, has been withdrawn from school on day eleven, and also meets categories A through C above, has met the definition of a dropout.

2. Age 16 to 24 at the time of enrollment; and
3. One or more of the following applies:
 - a. A secondary school dropout;
 - b. A youth who is within the age of compulsory school attendance, but has not attended school for at least the most recent complete school year calendar quarter;
 - c. A recipient of secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is low-income and is either Basic Skills Deficient or an English language learner;
 - d. An individual who is subject to the juvenile or adult justice system;
 - e. Is homeless, a runaway, in foster care or has aged out, a child eligible for assistance under sec. 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), or in an out-of-home placement;
 - f. Is pregnant or parenting;

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- g. Has a disability;
- h. Is an individual who is low-income who requires additional assistance to enter into or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.

IN-SCHOOL YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Oregon defines an In-School youth participant as one that meets all of the following requirements:

1. Enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary education institution*;
2. Age 14 to 21 at the time of enrollment;
3. Is, or is a member of, a family that is low-income; and
4. One or more of the following applies:
 - a. Basic Skills Deficient;
 - b. An English language learner;
 - c. An offender;
 - d. Is a homeless individual, in foster care or has aged out;
 - e. Is pregnant or parenting;
 - f. Has a disability;
 - g. Is an individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment. Not more than five-percent (5%) of the ISY newly enrolled in a given program year may be eligible based on requiring additional assistance.

*EXEPTION: TEGL 21-16 clarifies that youth attending high school equivalency programs, including programs that are considered to be dropout re-engagement programs, funded by the public K-12 school system, and are classified by the school system as still enrolled in school, are considered In-School Youth.

Requires Additional Assistance

The EOWB defines these barriers as having any of these characteristics:

- a. Lack of employability skills to obtain or retain employment;
- b. Lack of access to training or employment opportunities due to geographic location;
- c. Has a poor or no work history; or has been fired from a job within the 12 months prior to application;
- d. Is at risk of dropping out of school, including:
 - i. One or more years behind in school or credit deficient relative to age;
 - ii. Has a cumulative GPA of less than 1.5 in high school or alternative education program;
 - iii. Has poor attendance patterns in an educational program during the last twelve months;
 - iv. Has a court/agency referral mandating school attendance; or
 - v. Has been deemed at risk of dropping out by a school official.
- e. Is an emancipated youth;
- f. Is gang involved/affected.

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EXCEPTION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LOW-INCOME

WIOA allows no more than five percent (5%) of WIOA youth participants are individuals who meet all other eligibility criteria except the low-income criteria. Registration of over-income individuals will require approval from EOWB staff prior to being determined eligible.

NON-INTERFERENCE AND NON-REPLACEMENT OF REGULAR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

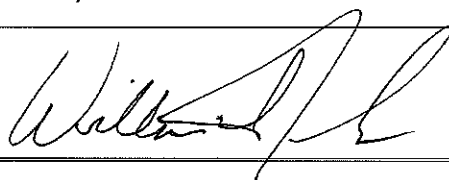
No funds shall be used to provide an activity for eligible youth who are not school dropouts if participation in the activity would interfere with or replace the regular academic requirements of the youth.

REFERENCES

WIOA 129(a)(1)(B)&(C)

20 CFR Part 681.200 – 681.700

TEGL 21-16

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