

5130POL Youth Eligibility (Rev1)

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WIOA In-School Youth (ISY) and Out-of-School (OSY) **basic eligibility requirements** (outlined in *5100POL Program Eligibility 4(a-c)*) include:

1. U.S citizen or otherwise legally entitled to work in the U.S.
2. Selective Service registration (see eligibility definitions)
3. ISY or OSY determination as outlined below:

In addition to basic eligibility requirements, In-School-Youth (ISY) eligibility requirements include:

1. Age 14 through 21
2. Attending school as defined by state law
3. Low-income individual as defined in *5400POL Income Validation*
4. One or more of the following:
 - a. Basic Skills Deficient (BSD)
 - b. An English language learner
 - c. An offender
 - d. A homeless individual as defined below
 - 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 employment, defined as
 - i. At risk of dropping out of school as identified by program staff or based where the youth is living in a household:
 1. where one member has substance use issues
 2. affected by domestic violence
 3. where Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits are exhausted
 - ii. Attending a post-secondary school, or vocational school, but needs assistance meeting the prerequisites (e.g., pre-college math) for the vocational program. **AND** would benefit from additional temporary services to secure and hold employment due to:
 1. a disability, or
 2. extra tutoring and remedial education that is more than is required to achieve basic literacy, or
 3. more intensive work habits or education experience that require temporary one-on-one job coaching or assessment of skills and needs

In addition to basic eligibility requirements, Out-of-School Youth (OSY) eligibility requirement include:

1. Age 16 through 24
2. Not attending school as defined by state law

3. One of more of the following:
 - a. A school dropout
 - b. A youth who is within the age of required school attendance but has not attended school for at least the most recent calendar year quarter
 - c. A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual **and** is basic skills deficient **or** an English language learner
 - d. An individual who is subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
 - e. A homeless individual as defined below
 - f. Pregnant or parenting
 - g. An individual with a disability
 - Low-income who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment
 - i. Has no work history or has an insignificant work history, i.e., has not held a job for more than three (3) months or has recently been fired from a job.
 - ii. Needs the prerequisites to enter an appropriate occupational training program.
 - iii. Would benefit from additional temporary services to secure and hold employment due to a disability. Additional temporary services would include (a) extra tutoring and remedial education that is more than required to achieve basic literacy; (b) more intensive work habits, education experience requiring one-on-one job coaching, or skill/needs assessment.

Exception to low-income requirement:

- a. Per WIOA Section 129(a)(3)(B), 20 CRF 681.250, and WIN 1019 (Rev9), in any single program year, no more than five percent of a local area’s total youth participants can be those who are not low-income despite the low-income eligibility requirement (In-School or Out-of-School Youth).
- b. The OWDC will calculate five percent based on the percent of newly enrolled youth in WDA-1 in a given program year.

Youth References

Data Element Validation, [WorkSource System Policy 1003 \(Rev6\)](#)
 Data Integrity and Performance Policy and Handbook, [WorkSource System Policy 1020 \(Rev2\)](#)
 Definition of Disability, United States Code [42 USC §12102 Ch.126;](#)
 Dropout Prevention, Intervention, and Retrieval System, [RCW 28A.175.105](#)
 Eligibility Policy and Handbook, [WorkSource System Policy 1019 \(Rev9\)](#)
 OWDC 1600POL Records and Documentation Policy, 1601POL Protected Personal Identifying Information Policy, 5200POL Data Validation Policy, 5200POL Data Validation, 5400POL Income Verification Policy, 5730PRO Case Notes Policy
 Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses, [WorkSource System Policy 1009 \(Rev3\)](#)
 Priority of Service, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act H.R. 803 (113th), [USC §134\(c\)\(3\)\(E\)](#)
 WIOA Training Services, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Final Law H.R. 803 (113-128) [§134](#)
 Youth Activities Under WIOA Title I, Code of Federal Regulations Title 20, Chapter V, [20 CFR §681](#)
 Youth Activities Under WIOA, Code of Federal Regulations Title 20, Chapter V-11, Part 681, [20 CFR §681.400 - 681.650](#)
 Youth Formula Program Guidance, Training and Employment Guidance Letter, [TEGL 21-16, Change1](#)