

Crater Region LWIA 15

Definition of Youth In Need of Additional Assistance

This broad list of eligibility criteria attached opens up the program eligibility to a wider array of low-income youth and minimizes a situation where a low-income youth in need of assistance would be deemed ineligible for services.

An individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment is defined as an individual who is 14 – 21 years old and on the date of application **must have one or more** of the following documented barriers:

- Has chronic attendance or discipline problems
- Has a court/agency referral mandating school attendance
- Has a grade point average (GPA) of 1.5 or less
- Has unstable living conditions due to traumatic events like abuse or neglect as documented by a school official or professional or self attestation
- Has a family history of chronic unemployment within the 12 months prior to application; family members were unemployed longer than employed
- Lacks family support to complete an educational program as documented by a school official or professional or self- attestation
- Lacks family support to secure and hold employment as documented by a school official or professional or self-attestation
- Has been fired from a job within 6 months prior to application
- Is 18 -21 years old and has never held a job
- Is 18 -21 years old and has never held a full-time (30+ hours per week) job for more than 12 consecutive weeks
- Is referred or treated by an agency for substance abuse problems

Requests for approval to use this barrier for eligibility determination must be submitted in writing to the WIB Administration. The request must be approved before this Barrier can be used. Approval of this barrier will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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NOTE: This definition will be revised in PY10.