

# Youth Programs



## Services provided include:

- Comprehensive career-related guidance and planning
- Employment opportunities linked to academic and occupational learning
- Paid and unpaid work experience opportunities and internships
- Job shadowing
- Occupational skills training
- Apprenticeship and/or pre-apprenticeship opportunities
- Alternative secondary school options to complete high school
- Career pathway and post-secondary training exploration
- Tutoring, study skills training, instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies
- Leadership development opportunities
- Mentoring
- Supportive services (financial assistance with certain costs related to gaining employment or completing an educational goal)
- Follow-up services to ensure continued success
- Adult mentoring
- Financial literacy and budgeting assistance
- Entrepreneurial skills development
- Alternative secondary school services

# Youth Program Eligibility

## WIOA OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

**A WIOA Out-of-School Youth is an individual who is:**

**Age 16–24**

Not attending any school (as defined by state law), including either secondary or post-secondary school.

And one or more of the following:

- A school dropout
- 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
- A recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent who is a low-income individual and is either basic skills deficient or an English language learner
- An offender
- A homeless individual, a homeless child or youth, or a runaway
- An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or who has attained 16 years of age and left foster care of kinship guardianship or adoption, 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
- Pregnant and/or parenting, or
- Individual with a disability, or
- Low income who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure/hold employment

## WIOA IN-SCHOOL YOUTH

**A WIOA In-School Youth is an individual who is:**

Attending any school (as defined by state law), including secondary and post-secondary school, and

**Age 14–21 at time of enrollment. Because age eligibility is based on age at enrollment, participants may continue to receive services beyond the age of 21 once they are enrolled in the program, and**

**A low-income individual, and**

**One or more of the following:**

- Basic skills deficient
- An English language learner
- An offender
- A homeless individual, a homeless child or youth, or a runaway
- An individual in foster care or who has aged out of the foster care system or who has attained 16 years of age and left foster care for kinship guardianship or adoption, 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
- An individual who is pregnant or parenting, or
- An individual with a disability

## TANF\*

**TANF Innovation Project participants must be:**

- Ages of 14–24
- Teen parents, ages 16–24, who are receiving cash MFIP benefits, or
- Younger youth, ages 14–18, who are on the grant in MFIP households

## MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP)

**Minnesota Youth must meet this criteria:**

**Age 14–24 at time of enrollment, and**

**Low-income or one or more of the following at-risk criteria:**

- Basic skills deficient
- An offender
- Chemically dependent
- Individual with a disability
- Homeless youth
- Pregnant or parenting youth
- Public assistance recipients
- Foster care youth
- Limited English proficient
- Potential or actual school dropout

## PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES\*

**CMJTS is a Limited Use Vendor for the Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) provided under Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS). Pre-ETS services are available to students who are eligible and potentially eligible for VRS.**

Youth must be between grade 9 and age 21 and a student with disabilities, in a secondary, post-secondary, or other recognized education program who:

- Are eligible for, and receiving, special education or related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), or
- Is an individual with a disability for purposes of Section 504, or
- Otherwise have a documented disability

## YOUTH AT WORK\*

**Age 14–24, and**

**Economically disadvantaged youth OR at-risk youth (as defined under MYP)**

## MINNESOTA YOUTH-BUILD PROGRAM\*

**Minnesota Youthbuild Program participants must meet this criteria:**

**Age 16–24, and**

**Economically disadvantaged (see Section IV for Income Guideline Information) or eligible for the high school graduation incentives program (Minnesota Statute 2011 124D.68, subdivision 2), and one of the following:**

- Youth who are not attending any school and have not received a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, or
- Youth currently enrolled in a traditional or alternative school setting or a GED program that, in the opinion of an official of the school, are in danger of dropping out of school

**Youth at-risk for dropping out of school may include:**

- Teen parents (male or female ages 16–19)
- Juvenile offenders/diversion program youth
- Chemically dependent youth or children of drug or alcohol abusers/dependents
- Youth receiving public assistance and/or group home services
- Youth with disabilities
- Homeless youth

\*Program may not be offered at all WDA locations.

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