

5% Low-Income Eligibility Exception Policy: Youth Program

I. INTRODUCTION

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Program under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), an individual must qualify as either an In-School Youth or an Out-of-School Youth. Another equally important eligibility criterion is economic or income level, particularly for In-School Youth. In cases where a young person meets all eligibility criteria except for low-income status, WIOA provides an exception mechanism that allows them to participate in the Program, even when low-income status would ordinarily be required to qualify.

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

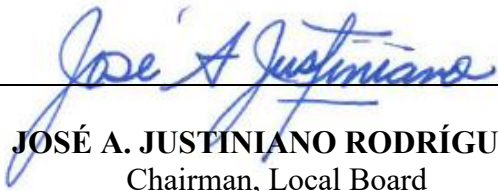
- **Section 129(a)(3)** of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- **20 CFR § 681.250(c)** (WIOA Final Regulations).
- **Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 21-16**, issued by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the U.S. Department of Labor on March 2, 2017.

III. ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION – NON-LOW-INCOME YOUTH

As outlined in 20 CFR § 681.250, WIOA allows a 5% low-income exception permitting up to 5% of youth participants who would ordinarily be required to meet the low-income criterion to participate in the Youth Program, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

IV. APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall take effect immediately upon its approval. The Executive Director is responsible for informing all staff within five (5) business days following its adoption.



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