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Subject: Youth Barriers Eligibility Policy

This policy is written to provide the South Central Workforce Investment Board's (SCWIB) Youth Who Requires Additional Assistance definition and required eligibility documentation and to transmit the SCWIB's eligibility requirements for the WIOA Youth program.

Youth eligibility is determined by Federal Law, Federal Rules, and State Issuance. This policy is necessary to further define the eligibility requirements for youth in the South Central Region.

Those living outside the service area will need Executive Director approval before being enrolled. No more than 5% of In-School Youth enrollments may be made eligible under the "Needs Additional Assistance" criteria.

"Youth Who Require Additional Assistance" shall be defined as an individual who meets any one of these 3 conditions:

- Has failed to secure a job within the past thirty days after employment search. Documentation shall consist of a detailed job search log; or
- Is employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week) and has been unable to obtain full-time employment within the past three months after employment search. Documentation shall consist of at least two or more recent pay stubs within the last thirty days and a detailed job search log; or
- Did not achieve the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Documentation that the individual did not obtain at least the Bronze NCRC will be required.
- Verification obtained from a professional source (doctor, teacher, vocational evaluator, etc.) stating that the youth requires additional assistance either related to education or employment.

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