

## Youth Exception Policy

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**Purpose:** To provide program and participant eligibility requirements for Youth (YTH) under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

**Policy:** WIOA allows a low-income exception where five percent (5%) of all WIOA Youth participants may be participants who ordinarily would be required to be low-income for eligibility purposes, and who meet all other eligibility criteria for WIOA Youth, except the low-income criteria. The 5% must be calculated based on the percent of newly enrolled Youth served by the program in the local area's WIOA Youth program in a given program year.

Because not all Out-of-School (OSY) Youth are required to be low-income, the 5% low-income exception under WIOA is calculated based on the total number of OSY enrolled in a given program year who would ordinarily be required to meet the low-income criteria.

All In-School Youth (ISY) must be low-income to meet the ISY eligibility criteria, except those who fall under the low-income exception (20 CFR §681.250). All ISY must be low income unless they are served under the 5% exception. The 5% low-income exception is calculated based on the total number of ISY enrolled as low income in a given program year.

A request to authorize enrollment under the 5% exception must be submitted in writing to Nevadaworks identifying the need for enrollment. The request must include the name of the individual and the reason the request is made. The request should outline the circumstances that make the individual a good candidate to receive WIOA Youth services.

Authorization must be received from Nevadaworks prior to enrolling an individual in the WIOA Youth program under the Youth Exception Policy.

### References:

SCP 2.1 Participant Eligibility for Youth Services