Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is WIOA? WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and supportive services to succeed in the labor market. WIOA training funds are designed to serve laid-off individuals, older youth and adults who are in need of training to enter or re-enter the labor market.

2. Why can’t I apply for the WIOA Program today? A scheduled date and time for enrollment will be announced. Job seekers will be notified via email, website and/or media.

3. I was not selected for the WIOA training program. Why? Enrollment in the training programs are based on eligibility and availability. Applicants who meet requirements will increase their chances of admission.

4. I completed a training program years ago. Can I apply for WIOA again? Special circumstances such as a lay-off or company closure (through no-fault of your own) could permit a job seeker to receive additional training sponsored by WIOA.

5. I couldn’t complete the training program when I enrolled. Can I re-apply? Unfortunately, medical emergencies, starting a new job, etc. does not usurp federal guidelines. An applicant who does not complete training during the said enrollment period will not be eligible for additional training programs.

6. Why do I need a referral in order to apply for WIOA? Federal guidelines require that a client be actively searching for employment in order to be considered for training. Proof of job search must be verified through an employment service representative.

7. Under WIOA, who are Dislocated Workers, Displaced Homemakers, Adults? Dislocated Workers are individuals terminated from their job through no fault of their own, laid off or received a notice of no fault termination or layoff from employment as a result of any permanent closure, or any substantial layoff at a plant, facility or enterprise. Self-employed and unemployed individuals due to natural disaster or general economic conditions are considered dislocated workers. If a person quits/resigns work, he/she is not considered a dislocated worker.

8. I did not qualify for training for failure to register for selective service. Why? According to Section 453(a), Military Selective Service Act, a man must register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Selective Service can accept a late registration but not after a man has reached his 26th birthday. Men who failed to register during the said time will NOT be eligible for federal student loans and grant programs, federal job training under the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, federal jobs or security clearance as a contractor and U.S. citizenship for immigrants.

Step 1: Select preferred training program. Step 2: Apply to preferred training program after consulting with training provider. Step 3: Receive admission to training program. Step 4: Meet eligibility requirements for WIOA funding.

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# Adult Training Scholarships

- **Alabama Aviation Center of Mobile**
  - 251.438.2816
  - Airframe/Power Plant Technician (Aviation Mechanic), Avionics

- **Bishop State Community College**
  - 251.405.7000
  - Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Body Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Diesel Technology, Electrical Technology, Electronics Engineering Technology, Truck Driving CDL, Practical Nursing (LPN), Machine Tool Technology, Plumbing, Associate Degree Nursing (RN), Welding

- **University of Mobile**
  - 251.442.2250
  - Nursing (BSN)

- **University of South Alabama**
  - 251.445.9423
  - Nursing (BSN), Cardiopulmonary Care, EMS, Radiologic Science

- **Virginia College**
  - 251.543.7227
  - Surgical Technician

# Youth Training Scholarships

**Dearborn YMCA**
- (serving out of school youth ages 16-24)
- 251.432.4768
- GED Prep
- Individual tutoring
- Pre-employment skills training
- Job placement assistance
- Leadership development training
- Group and individual counseling
- Mentoring
- Skills Assessment

**Goodwill Easter Seals (Y.E.S.)**
- serving youth ages 16-24
- 251.375.9114 ext. 0
- GED Prep
- Job Placement Assistance
- Career Counseling
- WorkKeys Testing

**Faulkner State Community College**
- 251.580.2102
- Dental Assisting
- Office Administration/Medical Secretary

**Fortis College**
- 251.344-1203
- Medical Office Specialist, Phlebotomy, EMT

**Premier Driving Academy**
- 251.653.5235
- Truck Driving - CDL

**Springhill College**
- 251.380.2253
- Nursing (BSN)

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1. **Social Security Card.** If you don’t have a social security card, you can go to the social security office located at 550 Government Street. Take your birth certificate with you to apply for a card.

2. **Alabama driver license or VALID Alabama state issued ID Card.**

3. **Proof of family’s household income for the last six months.** If you receive SNAP benefits (food stamps), please bring your card. If you’re included in your parent’s food stamp budget, parent must be present to sign a SNAP (food stamp) Release of Information Form.

4. **Parent, guardian or responsible adult must be present.** Applicants 18 and under and enrolling in youth programs must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult (via letter granting permission for designated adult to sign on behalf of parent) if enrolling in a youth program. If the 18 year old client is homeless and lives in a group home, the staff will sign for them and no income is needed.

5. **Disabled clients will be eligible, if a letter is sent from the school, Vocational Rehabilitation Service, or a counselor confirming the disability.**