

# Greater Nebraska Adult Program: Eligibility Overview

A local area program of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

## General Requirements

Program participants must be either a(n):

1. Citizen or national of the United States; **or**
2. Immigrant authorized to work in the United States

## Mandatory Requirements

In addition, program participants must:

1. Be 18 or older

**Priority of Service** - Priority for receipt of individualized career and training services or both are applied in the order listed below.

1. Veterans and eligible spouses of Veterans **who are**:
  - a. recipients of public assistance;
  - b. low-income; or
  - c. basic-skills deficient;
2. Individuals who **are not** Veterans and eligible spouses of Veterans **but are**:
  - a. recipients of public assistance;
  - b. low-income; or
  - c. basic-skills deficient;
3. Veterans and eligible spouses of Veterans **who are not**:
  - a. recipients of public assistance;
  - b. low-income; or
  - c. basic-skills deficient
4. Populations established by the Governor and/or Local Workforce Development Board (**none have been established**)
5. Last, to **persons who are not**:
  - a. recipients of public assistance;
  - b. low-income; or
  - c. basic-skills deficient.



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# Glossary of Terms

## Basic skills deficient

An individual who is basic skills deficient:

- Has English reading or writing skills or computing skills at or below the 8th grade level on a generally accepted standardized test; or
- Is unable to compute or solve problems, or read, write, or speak English at a level necessary to function on the job, in the individual's family, or in society.

## Eligible Spouse of a Veteran

Eligible spouse of a Veteran means the spouse of any of the following:

- Any Veteran who died of a service-connected disability;
- Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than ninety (90) days:
  - Missing in action;
  - Captured in the line of duty by a hostile force; or
  - Forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power;
- Any Veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- Any Veteran who died while a disability was in existence.

**NOTE:** A spouse whose eligibility is derived from a living Veteran or service member would lose his or her eligibility if the Veteran or service member were to lose the status that is the basis for the eligibility (e.g. if a Veteran with a total service-connected disability were to receive a revised disability rating at a lower level). Similarly, for a spouse whose eligibility is derived from a living Veteran or service member, that spouse's eligibility would be lost upon divorce from the Veteran or service member.

## Eligible Veteran

Eligible Veteran means a person who:

- Served on active duty for a period of more than one-hundred eighty (180) days and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge;
- Was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability;
- As a member of a reserve component under an order to active duty served on active duty during a period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized and was discharged or released from such duty with other than a dishonorable discharge; or
- Was discharged or released from active duty by reason of a sole survivorship discharge

## Low-income Eligibility Criteria

A low-income individual is an individual who meets one (1) or more of the criteria described below

1. The individual currently receives or is a member of a family currently receiving assistance through:
  - a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
  - b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program;
  - c. Supplemental Security Income through the Social Security Administration; or
  - d. State or local income-based public assistance.
2. In the past six months, the individual has received or is a member of a family that has received assistance through:
  - a. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
  - b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program;
  - c. Supplemental Security Income through the Social Security Administration; or
  - d. State or local income-based public assistance.
3. The individual is in a family whose total family income does not exceed the higher of:
  - a. The current Federally-established poverty line; or
  - b. Seventy percent of the Federally-established lower living standard income level (LLSIL).
4. The individual is a homeless individual who:
  - a. Lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and is
    - i. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
    - ii. Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
    - iii. Living in an emergency or transitional shelter; or
    - iv. Awaiting foster care placement;
  - b. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
  - c. Is a migratory youth who is living in circumstances;
  - d. Lives in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or training stations, or similar settings; or
  - e. Is a runaway.

## Low-income Eligibility Criteria (continued)

5. The individual receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, unless the individual is a recipient of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
6. The individual is a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made.
7. The individual is a person with a disability whose income meets the income requirement of Sections 3.a. or 3.b.
8. The individual lives in a high-poverty area.