

## Youth Individual Training Account Policy

- A. Each nominee must:
1. Be at least 19 years old and no older than 21;
  2. Reside in one of the 15 counties served by Northwest Georgia WIB (Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield);
  3. Have their high school diploma or a GED unless dual enrolled in high school and college (age restriction remains);
  4. Meet WIA youth eligibility criteria;
  5. Be registered or applying for training in one of the “demand” occupations for Northwest Georgia that leads to a diploma or certificate;
  6. Attend training full time, which is equivalent to 12 quarter hours;
  7. Follow applicable ITA policies and procedures; and
  8. Read and perform math at or above 9.0 grade level as evidenced by their scores on a TABE.
- B. Youth determined eligible for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funded services may select a provider from the state approved listing after consultation with a WIA Youth Provider.
- C. Funding will be awarded up to \$6,500 for one year not to exceed a maximum amount of \$10,400 for two years of training plus support payments in the WIA “Individual Training Account” program based on NWGRC policies.
- D. Funding is contingent upon the availability of funds, the documented financial needs of the participant, and the successful academic progress of the participant (GPA 2.0).
- E. All ten required youth components needed by the individual must be provided by the youth provider or other community services and documented appropriately in the GWS.