



BRIDGES ELIGIBILITY REFERENCE CHART (B.E.R.C.)

	Eligibility Criteria	Examples of Qualifying Activities	Current Documentation Below are examples, other documentation may be considered on a case by case basis. Multiple documents may be requested to show eligibility.
	Completing a secondary education (High School) or a program leading to equivalent credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment in school to receive high school diploma (i.e. traditional, non-traditional, alternative – must be accredited) • Participating in a GED program • Other institution/program by the Department of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment letter • Class Schedule • Attendance Report • Grade Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an expectation that young adults will attend school at least 70% of possible attendance monthly. If combining with another criterion, total hours attended and/or worked must equal 80 hours per month. Online schools without required amount of hours guideline will be required to produce at least 80 hours of activity per month. • Eligibility continues during scheduled summer break if participant remains enrolled in an educational institution. • Schools must be recognized by the State Board of Education. 			
	Enrolled in an institution that provides post- secondary (College) or vocation education for 7 or more credit hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or Private college or universities (in-state or out-of-state) • Community College (in-state or out-of-state) • On-line studies offered through a licensed institution • Vocational Program • Technical Schools • Graduate School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment letter • Class Schedule • Grade Report • Statement of Account displaying Housing Deposit, Enrollment Fee, or other costs paid for current or upcoming semester) • Attendance/Participation Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an expectation that young adults will attend school or engage in related activities totaling at least 20 hours a week. There is a conversion ratio of 1:3 (For every hour spent in class, an additional 2 hours is added to account for out of class work and projects.) For a noncredit course of study such as certification programs 20 hours a week will be the expectation. • Eligibility continues during scheduled summer break if participant remains enrolled in an educational institution. • Schools must be accredited. 			
	Employed for at least 80 hours per month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full/ Part time Employment • AmeriCorps • Military Reserve/National Guard • Internship/Externship (Paid/ Unpaid) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paystubs current within 30 days • AT ENROLLMENT ONLY: Written verification, on employer letterhead, that includes a point of contact for the employer, number of hours the participant is scheduled weekly/monthly, and their start date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested average of 20 hours per week, but hours may fluctuate. 			
	Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment for at least 80 hours per month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work force preparation classes (CCMEP) • Job Corps • Job Shadowing / Skills Training classes • Apprenticeship / Mentoring • Volunteering • Resume/Interview skills classes/training • Substance abuse / Mental health treatment • Domestic violence/date violence program • Parenting classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance current within 30 days • AT ENROLLMENT ONLY: Written verification letter, on program’s letterhead, that includes description of program and/or activity, duration (e.g. six-week program) including start dates and number of hours per month, and a point of contact. Each activity must be fully explained.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested average of 20 hours per week, but hours may fluctuate.		
	<p>Unable to participate in the activities detailed above due to a mental or physical health condition documented by a qualified practitioner.¹</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Adult's condition may be short or long term.• The Bridges Disability Verification form must be completed by a qualified practitioner.¹ This form can be obtained from your Bridges Liaison. This form must be completed within 90 days of Bridges Application submission to be sufficient proof of eligibility.• AT ENROLLMENT ONLY: A copy of the applicant's Social Security award letter and supportive documentation. <u>The award letter must have been effective within the past 180 days.</u> <p>¹ <i>An assigned Bridges Liaison or Bridges Supervisor does not meet criteria as qualified practitioner.</i></p>

¹ If a young adult qualifies for the program because they have a disabling mental or physical condition documented by a qualified practitioner, this eligibility criterion cannot be combined.