

These definitions are a required field on the AEPP Individual Student Record Form (ISRF)

BARRIERS TO LEARNING/EMPLOYMENT:

Minimum of 1 answer required. Self-reported by student.

1. **HOMELESS**: Adults lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or adults having a primary nighttime residence that is: (1) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); (2) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or (3) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. The term "homeless adult" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to an Act of the Congress or a State law.

2. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT**: Adults who have received a regular high school diploma or an equivalency diploma (HSE), from the U.S. or one of the American territories.

3. **DISPLACED HOMEMAKER**: participant, at program entry, has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who: (A)(i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in sec. 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101 (a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in sec. 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

4. **DISABLED**: Participant has any type of physical or mental disability that substantially impairs or restricts one or more major life activities including walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, working, learning. This definition includes adults who are alcohol or drug abusers, mentally retarded, hearing impaired, adults with exceptional learning disabilities and other health impairments. (Specification of disability is optional and may be described on reverse side of form.)

5. **LOW INCOME**: Participant, at program entry, is a person who:

(a) Receives, or in the 6 months prior to application to the program has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months prior to application to the program has received:

(i) Assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 USC 2011 et seq.);

(ii) Assistance through the temporary assistance for needy families program under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 USC 601 et seq.);

(iii) Assistance through the supplemental security income program under Title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1381); or

(iv) State or local income-based public assistance.

(b) Is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the lower living standard income level;

(c) Is a youth who receives, or is eligible to receive a free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 USC 1751 et seq.);

(d) Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made;

(e) Is a participant with a disability whose own income is the poverty line but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet this requirement;

- (f) Is a homeless participant or a homeless child or youth or runaway youth; or
- (g) Is a youth living in a high-poverty area.

6. **MIGRANT/SEASONAL WORKER**: Participant, at program entry, is a seasonal farmworker and whose agricultural labor requires travel to a job site such that the farmworker is unable to return to a permanent place of residence within the same day.

7. **LEARNING DISABLED**: Participant has physical, mental, or learning disability restricting life activity.

8. **RUNAWAY YOUTH**: Participant is under 18 years of age and absents himself or herself from home or place of legal residence without the permission of his or her family.

9. **UNSUCCESSFUL OUTCOME ON HSE SUBTEST(S)**: The participant has previously taken and failed one or more parts of the HSE test and is specifically seeking assistance to pass the HSE Test.

10. **NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER (English Language Learner)**: Adults for whom English is not their first language.

11. **EX-OFFENDER**: Participant, at program entry, is a person who either (a) has been subject to any stage of the criminal justice process for committing a status offense or delinquent act, or (b) requires assistance in overcoming barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction.

12. **YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE/AGED OUT OF SYSTEM**: participant, at program entry, is a person who is currently in foster care or has aged out of the foster care system.

13. **CULTURAL BARRIERS TO LEARNING**: participant, at program entry, perceives him or herself as possessing attitudes, beliefs, customs or practices that influence a way of thinking, acting or working that may serve as a hindrance to employment.

14. **LONG TERM UNEMPLOYED**: The participant has been unemployed for 27 or more consecutive weeks.

15. **EXHAUSTING TANF WITHIN 2 YEARS**: The participant is within 2 years of exhausting lifetime eligibility under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), regardless of whether he or she is receiving these benefits at program entry.

16. **SINGLE PARENT**: The participant is a single, separated, divorced, or widowed individual who has primary responsibility for one or more dependent children under age 18 (including single pregnant women).