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MEMORANDUM

TO: Farmworker Career Development Program (FCDP) Sub-Recipients

FROM: Ashley Meros, Ph.D.

DATE: December 17, 2025

SUBJECT: FCDP Policy Update information on Eligibility and Enrollment for WIOA Section 167

National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Participants Training and Employment

Guidance Letter No. 18-16 Change 2 (TEGL No. 18-16 Change 2)

The purpose of this guidance clarifies the requirements for FCDP's participants' **eligibility** for the Florida National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) and Methods for Calculating Income.

Summary: The FCDP offices will use this guidance when enrolling individuals for services to comply with portions of WIOA Title I Section 167 and the final Rules. NFJP/FCDP's sub-recipients must actively work with their American Job Center (AJC) and other workforce system partners in identifying services and programs that are personalized to applicants' needs and career pathway interests. Individuals who are determined to be ineligible for FCDP should be referred to other AJC services or alternative services. The information on those ineligible individuals should be kept for one year after the ineligibility date. Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 18-16, Change 2 dated January 17, 2025, is an update to the previously released TEGL 18-16 Change 1 dated July 12, 2021. This Change 2 allows grantees to consider the nature of the agriculture industry, including the nature of farmworkers' employment and income patterns when determining program eligibility. Changes in this Memorandum include:

- Guidance on how to apply the eligibility requirement that participants must be "primarily employed in farmwork" to receive FCDP services,
- Revisions to align with TEGL 23-19 Change 1 and TEGL 23-19 Change 2,
- Updates to Section 4.d, Definitions (see attachments) to clarify the terms Seasonal Farmworker, Low-income Individual, and Other Individuals,
- Updates to Eligibility Determination Procedures to remove the application validity period of 60-days from the date of the initial application and
- Updates to Attachment I, which contains income information.

It is important to ensure the applicant meets the criteria for the Eligible Seasonal Farmworker, Eligible Migrant Farmworker, MSFW youth, Dependent of an MSFW (Adult or Youth), Low-Income Individual or Family Income and Low-Income Eligibility programs (for definitions, see attachments).

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Eligibility Requirements for FCDP Participant

As part of the eligibility criteria, proof of legal status is required:

- Citizen of the United States
- Non-citizen permitted to accept permanent employment in the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Services
- Non-citizen permitted to accept employment in the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Services in accordance with <u>TEGL 02-14</u> dealing with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants (for more information, see attachments A and B).

All individuals receiving career services, training services, housing services, youth services or related assistance services through FCDP funding must meet, on the date of application for enrollment, criterion A and criterion B below as defined in 20 CFR 685.110:

- A. To receive FCDP services an individual must be either a(n):
- Eligible seasonal farmworker adult,
- Eligible migrant farmworker adult,
- Eligible migrant and seasonal farmworker (MSFW) Youth,
- Dependent Adult of an eligible MSFW or
- Dependent Youth of an eligible MSFW.

And,

B. A low-income individual who may face potential barriers to economic self-sufficiency as defined in Section IV(6) <u>TEGL No. 18- 16 Change 2</u>.

An individual aged 14 - 24 may receive services that are designed for youth.

An individual aged 18 and older may receive services that are designed for adults.

Other requirements if applicable:

- <u>TEGL 11-11, Change 1 and 2</u> provide **Selective Service** registration requirements for ETA programs authorized by WIOA. TEGL 11-11 Change 1 and Change 2 implemented the requirements of WIA Section 189(h), and WIOA retains the same requirements.
- <u>TEGL 2-14</u> specifies that an individual who has been granted relief under DACA and has employment authorization documents may be eligible to receive DOL-funded services (provided that the individual meets all other program eligibility requirements).
- Farmworker Career Development Program Worksheets A & B (See Attachment II and III) must be completed and uploaded into the Grantee Performance Management System (GPMS) Staff section.
- Veterans' Priority of service veterans and eligible spouses receive priority of services for all DOL-funded job training programs, including FCDP programs. In circumstances where a grantee must choose between two qualified candidates for a service, one of whom is a veteran or eligible spouse, the veterans' priority of service provisions require that the grantee give priority of service

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by first providing the veteran or eligible spouse that service. To obtain priority of service, a veteran or spouse must meet NFJP/FCDP eligibility requirements. FCDP must comply with DOL guidance on veterans' priority (ETAs TEGL No. 10-09).

Note: The FCDP may enroll a participant as either MSFW adult or MSFW youth participant as described in 20 CFR 685.320, but not in both categories.

Importance: Outreach is a vital function to carry out services. Although this guidance focuses on program eligibility, continuous outreach and recruitment are key parts of this work. FCDP's subrecipients play a critical role in reaching farmworker communities, who benefit from having access to community resources. Therefore, FCDP sub-recipients must conduct outreach where farmworkers work, live and gather to engage with farmworkers and their communities. Doing so will enhance FCDP's ability to recruit potential applicants, consistent with federal law, as well as help farmworkers who are not eligible for the program connect with other workforce development services and community resources. In order for FCDP sub-recipients to be able to carry out their responsibilities to deliver services, it is important for FCDP to let the local farmworker community know about the FCDPs' services.

Additionally, eligibility determination must be done as efficiently as possible to administer important services timely. The coordinator must review all supporting documents and application information (see attachments Worksheets A and B) before the participant data is entered in Grantee Program Performance Management System (GPMS).

The FCDP sub-recipients must follow their established Performance Targets for youth performance indicators and adult performance indicators to ensure they are approved. These age requirements apply both to individuals who receive services that trigger inclusion as participants and services that do not (i.e. reportable individuals).

How to determine Farmworker Income:

FCDP staff shall select twelve (12) consecutive months out of the 24 months prior to application for the program involved, verify that they have been primarily employed in agricultural or fish farming labor and provide documentation that states they face multiple barriers to economic self-sufficiency (see attachment II and III).

How to determine Family Income:

When calculating the family income, grantees may use the income of the married couple, single parent or guardian as well as other regular contributions for support, if appropriate. (See attachment I). To determine the family size, grantees may use the total number of individuals who fall under the definition of family (see definition TEGL No. 18-16 Change 2). Sub-recipients should use Family Log Form as described in Worksheet B.

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Additionally, pursuant to 20 CFR 685.110, a MSFW youth may be individually eligible or may receive services as a dependent of an eligible MSFW. When a MSFW youth is individually eligible, this means their own income and farmwork meets the low-income and farmwork requirements. Source of documents to identify family size (at least one of the following): Program application (Family Size Log Form), Receipt of Services, Housing Services Contract, Case Notes (see Memorandum Case Note).

Important: For Family Income, see attachment I. Select a method that gives a result which reflects the financial circumstances of applicants at the time of application. Also, see self-attestation forms for more information.

Attachments

Included Income, Excluded Income, and Examples of Methods to Calculate Income Tool. FCDP Eligibility Worksheet A FCDP Eligibility Worksheet B Definitions
Applicant Self-Attestation Statement for Intermittent Work and Income

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Attachment 1:

Included Income, Excluded Income and Examples of Methods to Calculate Income Tool

Use this attachment in conjunction with TEGL 18-16, Change 2. The definition of a low-income individual under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 3(36) does not exclude unemployment compensation (this includes Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Extended Benefits), old-age survivors insurance benefits or child support payments from income calculations as they were previously excluded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 101(25). ETA used the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics definition of income to develop this tool.

https://www.bls.gov/cex/csxgloss.htm#inc This tool aims to increase FCDP sub-recipients' understanding of what types of income would count toward the income requirement to qualify for NFJP/ FCDP and provide examples of methods to calculate income.

A. Examples of the types of income that could be included when making eligibility determination based on income are outlined in the table below.

	Included Income		
Income: Earnings before Taxes	 Wages and salaries;² Self-employment income; Social Security (Old-Age Survivors and Disability Insurance), private and government retirement; Interest, dividends, rental income and other property income; Unemployment and workers' compensation; and Regular contributions for support (alimony and child support) – Please note, the term regular for this source of income. If an individual is a parent and cannot rely on receiving contributions such as child support, grantees may consider this when calculating income. 		
	 Important to Know: When gathering information about an individual's income, please note that some types of federal, state or local income-based public assistance may automatically qualify someone as low-income. For example, under WIOA Section 3(36)(A)(i), an individual meets the low-income eligibility when they receive, or in the past 6 months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); the program of block grants to states for temporary assistance for needy families program (TANF) under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program established under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.); or state or local income-based public assistance; Additionally, per WIOA Section 3(50), the term "public assistance" means federal, state or local government cash payments for which eligibility is determined by a needs or income test. 		

The grantee will receive state or local income-based public assistance payments, which includes but is not limited to the following type of assistance:
Utility
• Childcare
• Nutrition
 Housing

Additional Resources:

- ¹ https://www.bls.gov/cex/csxgloss.htm
- ² https://www.bls.gov/bls/glossary.htm
 - B. Examples of types of income that could be excluded when making eligibility determination based on income are outlined in the table below. When calculating income, do not include any allowance, earnings or payments stemming from participation in WIOA Title I programs. Per 20 CFR 683.275 (d), allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under Title I of WIOA are not considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of income transfer and in-kind aid furnished under any federal or federally-assisted program based on need, other than as provided under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

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	Excluded Income		
Volunteer/Job Training Payments	 Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under Title I of WIOA; Any payment to volunteers under Title I (VISTA and others) and Title II (RSVP, foster grandparents, and others) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973; Payments to volunteers under Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (SCORE and ACE); and Payments and allowances to individuals participating in AmeriCorps to the extent excluded by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. 		
Student Financial Aid	 Student financial assistance received under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, including the Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, State Student Incentive Grants, National Direct Student Loan, PLUS, College Work Study and Byrd Honor Scholarships, to the extent excluded by the Act; and Payments received under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, as amended by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1990, P.L. 101-392. 		
Military Service-related Income	Any amounts received as military pay or allowances by any person		

All pay and/or financial allowances earned while a veteran was on active duty are exempt. Title 38 U.S.C. 4213 also exempts from inclusion in "low income" calculations any financial benefits received by a covered person under the following Chapters of Title 38 of the U.S. Code: 11. Compensation for service-connected disability or death. 13. Dependency and indemnity compensation for service- connected deaths. 30. All-volunteer force educational assistance program. 31. Training and rehabilitation for veterans with service-connected disabilities. 35. Survivors' and dependents' educational assistance. 36. Administration of educational benefits. Also excluded from "low income" calculations are benefits received under Chapter 106 of Title 10 U.S. Code, Educational assistance for members of the selected reserve. Note: Pension payments authorized by Title 10 U.S. Code, such as those received by military retirees whether or not their retirement was based on disability, are not exempt and are to be included in "low income" calculations. Also not exempt are pension benefits paid under Chapter 15 of Title 38 U.S. Code. Lump sum • Lump sum payments or large cash settlements are not counted as income payments since they are not received on a regular basis. These funds may be provided as compensation for a loss that must be replaced, such as payment from an insurance company for fire damage to a house. Note: When lump sum payments are put into a savings account and

Examples of Methods for Calculating Income

MSFWs experience earning fluctuations throughout the year due to the nature of working in the agriculture industry. Determining whether an individual meets the low-income requirement by gathering source documentation for the past 12 months may be challenging and may distort an individual's financial circumstance at the time of application. FCDP sub-recipients must document in the case notes any changes in wages and salaries and document the reason they chose a specific method to annualize an individual's income. When calculating an individual's family income under WIOA Section 3(36)(A)(ii), grantees may use **one item** from the source documentation list for the Participant Individual Record Layout (PIRL) Data element #802 in Attachment II of TEGL 23-19 Change 2.

the amount withdrawn is counted as income.

the household regularly draws from that account for living expenses,

Net Income or Gross Income. Depending on the type of source documentation that an applicant provides, a grantee may have access to an individual's net income or gross income information. To encourage flexibility and allow grantees to use the full list of source documentation while balancing consistency, ETA recommends that grantees use the net income to calculate an individual's family income, if it is available. However, if the net income is not available, grantees may use the gross income when calculating an individual's family income. All methods must be aligned with the grantee organization's policies and procedures.

Note: Gross usually refers to total earnings, before any deductions (such as tax withholding) including, where applicable, overtime payments, shift differentials, production bonuses, cost-of- living allowances, commissions, etc. See definition at https://www.bls.gov/bls/glossary.htm#earnings. Net refers to total earnings after any deductions.

FCDP sub-recipients have the flexibility to use different methods for calculating income and should use a method that considers an individual's current income. Methods to annualize income are not limited to but may include the following approaches below. When annualizing an individual's income, FCDP sub-recipients must also include other sources of income that are listed above under section A, of this tool. The examples below demonstrate three different ways to calculate an individual's wages. The methods only reflect income calculations to determine an individual's eligibility for FCDP (NFJP grant). Use any of the methods listed below if needed. The case manager should identify which one is used in the eligibility case note.

Salary Method: Use this method for individuals who have pay stubs or other source documentation covering the most recent 6 months of their family's wages. Grantees should use this method when there is little or no variation in the wages or salaries for any of the pay stubs submitted for income verification. To calculate an individual's annual income based on wages or salaries, first multiply the pay listed on the paystub or source documentation by the number of pay periods in the six-month determination period. Next, multiply the result by two to determine the annual wages or salaries. Example: Five pay stubs are provided, indicating wages of \$772 each. The pay frequency is bi-weekly (13 times in six months). $[(\$772 \times 13 = \$10,036) \times 2] = \$20,072$.

Average Pay Method: Use this method for individuals who have six monthly bank statements or other source documentation which show variation in the individual's wages. These variations may result for several reasons, including overtime or work for a different employer. In circumstances where variation exists, grantees can determine an individual's average wages by adding the total wages and dividing the result by the number of monthly bank statements. Example: an individual shows bank statements from the most recent 6 months. The bank statements for 6 months show the following monthly income \$770, \$290, \$490, \$490, \$490 and \$490. The total income for the individual for 6 months is \$3,020. To calculate the monthly average, divide the result by 6. Then to calculate the individual's annual income from wages, multiply the month average \$503 by 12 to calculate annual income (\$503 × 12 = \$6,040).

Intermittent Work Method: Use this method for individuals who have irregular income or are self-employed. In circumstances where the individual does not have steady work, the FCDP sub-recipients should ask the individual to supply as many pay stubs or other source documentation as possible. To determine average wages, use the individual's income from the prior month. When using the Intermittent Work Method, the grantee must explain missing pay stubs, non-work periods, etc., and selected method in their case notes. FCDP sub-recipients should use any information that an individual submits to calculate annual income.

Farmworker Career Development Program (FCDP) Eligibility Worksheet A

Instructions: Coordinator (designated reviewer) <u>completes this form as soon as the participant is enrolled in the FCDP for services</u>. All sources used to validate and verify data elements for eligibility *should be downloaded or scanned in GPMS. Update files to keep current as needed.*

Participant Name: Enrollment/date of participation			Unique IND Project:	OID		
Participant: Adult (Ag Part A Section I: 1. Is applicant a:	· /	` •				
a. Citizen of the U	nited States			Yes	No	
the Immigration	and Naturalization	on Service:	yment in the United States . Date:	by Yes	No	
Immigration and dealing with De	l Naturalization S ferred Action for	Services in accor Childhood Arriv	de United States by the dance with <u>TEGL 02-14</u> vals (DACA) participants:	Yes	No No	
the applicant reg			e Selective Service Act, is	Yes	No	
Part A Section II: Review	w of Work Histo	ory (agricultura	ıl or fish farming labor) a	nd Family I	ncome	
Certification Period:	From:		To:			
1. Applicant is a farmw	rorker Yes	No	Dependent of a farmy	worker Yes	s No	
	50% of the total of st 50% of work t	earned income fi	rom farmwork or employed 18-16 Change 2 (Work His	tory	Yes No	,
			n WIOA Section 3(36)(A) as E (i., ii., iii., iv., v., vi.)	Y	Yes No	
Record and the Fam	nily Income Reco	rd been complete	Form, the Work History ed in GPMS?	Ŋ	Yes No	
4. Has the applicationa. Applicantb. Designated rev	_	l by:		Yes Yes	No No	
			on. Incomplete forms or met and consistent. If not, ret			
Signature of C	Coordinator / Desi	onee Reviewer		Date		_

Farmworker Career Development Program (FCDP) Eligibility Worksheet B

Instructions: Coordinator (designated reviewer) <u>completes this form as soon as the participant is enrolled in the FCDP for services</u>. All sources used to validate and verify data elements **shall be downloaded or scanned in GPMS**.

Update files to keep current as needed. Refer to <u>TEGL No. 23-19 change 2</u>

Participant Name:	Unique IND ID:					
Enrollment date:	prollment date: Project:					
	Participant:	Adult (Age 18+) □	Youth (Age 14-24) 🗆		
Part B Section I	1	()	ν υ	,		
Application/Enrollment, Work complete?	History and Fan	nily Income Record	Yes []	No []		
Are the above forms reasonable	e and internally of	consistent?	Yes []	No []		
Part B Section II			<u>.</u>	•		
Eligibility:	Circle One Eli	gibility Documentat	ion Used in Each S	ection		
Legal Status: Evidence of Citizenship	United States (U.S.) Passport or Naturalization Certificate U.S. Birth Certificate Voter Registration Card					
Legal Status:	Alien Registrat	uthorization Card ion Document/Card uthorization Card (D.	ACA)			
Family Size / Dependents:	Birth Certificates IRS 1040 Form Filed Marriage Certificate Self-Attestation Family Size Log Form					
Date of Birth-Age:	Driver's License Baptismal record/ Family Bible-Family Tree Chart Birth certificate / Hospital record of birth/ Medical Records DD214, Report of Transfer or Discharge Papers, Selective Service Registration Federal, State, Local ID, Tribal Record, or Passport Public assistance / Social service records/ Work Permit School records/ID Crossmatch with State Agency Record Justice System Records Signed Letter from Parents or Guardian Family Bible- Family Tree Chart					
Self-Attestation Paycheck Stubs, Bank Statements, Social Security Benefits, or Per Statements Statements W-2 forms, Family or Business Financial Records IRS 1040 Form Filed Employer payroll records/Income Verification Letter UI (unemployment) documents (SUNTAX / wage printout) Compensation or Court Award Letter Quarterly Estimate Tax for Self-Employed Person Self-Attestation						

Registered for selective military service: (If applicable)	Registration card screenshot from http://ww4.sss.gov/regver/verification1.asp Selective service application
Low-Income individual as defined in WIOA Section 3(36) (A) Refer to TEGL No.18-16 Change 2 Section vi. Definitions E (i., ii., iii., iv., v., vi.) Receives, or in the past 6 months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through the TANF/SNAP Food Stamp Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), General Assistance (GA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Federal School Lunch, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI): SSDI, Individual w/Disability, Homeless	Public assistance records/Medicaid printout or copy Social service agency verification Refugee assistance records Current or 6-month authorization food stamps Federal School Lunch verification Housing Authority Verification Verification cash assistance letter School IEP (for applicant w/ Disability) (Refer to TEGL No.18-16 Change 2- Section vi)
Labor force status:	Employer letter One Stop verification UI (unemployment) documents (SUNTAX / wage printout) Pay Stubs Layoff notice *Case notes, initialed and dated
Extension of certification period: Disabled, Hospitalized, Military service, Incarcerated, or another legal detainment.	Vocational rehab agency letter Social service agency letter Veteran's administration letter Hospital/physician records Prison record Court documents DD 214 Discharge papers

Part B Section III	
a. Participant Eligible:	Yes [] No []
b. Eligibility Documentation Collected:	Yes [] No []
c. Additional Support Documents Required/Self-Attestation:	Yes [] No []
Self-Attestation Statement- Use the provided form found in this attach experiencing hardship to access/secure a copy of the required documer For additional clarification contact the Florida State Office team. Add Needed Additional Subrecipient Comments:	

Part B Section IV			
Review Items and copy must be in GPMS	Circle Verification Sources Used		
Release information	FCDP release information form (Participant and		
	those who you look income in SUNTAX		
Date of participation:	Enrollment application with signature (Program		
(The program enters)	documents for eligibility determination)		
	IEP signed, dated.		
	Case notes initialed, dated.		
Long-term agricultural employment if the applicant is	IRS 1040 Form (4 years)		
a farmworker.	Application/Enrollment form with signature		
(4 years documented):	Pay stubs (4 years)		
	SUNTAX/Wage printout (4years)		
	Employer Verification Letter		
	Self-declaration		
	*Case notes initialed & dated		
Date of first intensive service:	Testing records		
Pre-test:	Individual Employment Plan (IEP) signed & dated.		
	Work Experience		
	Remedial reading		
	Short-term Prevocational Services		
	*Case notes initialed, dated		
Date of first training service:	IEP signed, dated.		
	Classroom attendance record		
	Entrepreneurial training/enrollment record		
	Registered Apprenticeship		
	Enrollment record		
	Signed OJT agreement.		
	Work Experience Occupational Skills Training		
Encolled in a program training or activity leading to	*Case notes initialed, dated		
Enrolled in a program training or activity leading to an educational or occupational credential or license:	IEP signed, dated. Attendance records from institution or instructor		
educational of occupational credential of ficense:	signed, dated.		
	Registration/educational or occupational credential		
	/or license		
	*Case notes initialed, dated		
	Case notes initiated, dated		

Signature of Authorized Subgrantee Reviewer / Title	Date	_

*Note: All case notes must be in GPMS (Grantee Performance Management System) and updated on a monthly basis.

Farmworker Career Development Program (FCDP) Eligibility Worksheet B *Program Eligibility Self-Attestation Acknowledgement Statement

I	certify that all the verbal informati	on provided is true.
(Print Legal Name)	-	-
I have provided all truthful information in all necessary extrements below verify and are meant to be true regard program, I may be asked to provide the actual documentation.	rding my participation eligibility. U	pon acceptance into the
I am attesting that my family size is(number) of d	lependents	(Initials)
I am attesting that my date of birth is	(Month-Day-Year).	(Initials)
My farmwork income during the twelve-month eligibility (See income documentation) Provide any additional information to qualify you for this		(Initials) onal Areas
Any false statements or misrepresentation could affect my (NFJP) and the Florida Farmworker Career Development documentation may cause me to lose my eligibility for the reimburse the subrecipient for costs incurred and can be determined.	Program (FCDP). Any falsely provis program. Upon that occurring, I r	vided information or
Participant Signature:	Date:	
Parent Signature: If the Participant is a minor.	Date:	

*Use as applicable

Definitions

Eligible Seasonal Farmworker, as defined in WIOA Section 167(i)(3)(A), means a low-income individual who: i.) for 12 consecutive months out of the 24 months prior to application for the program involved, has been primarily employed in agricultural or fish farming labor that is characterized by chronic unemployment or underemployment, and ii.) faces potential barriers to economic self-sufficiency. Dependents of an eligible seasonal farmworker may receive NFJP services.

The definition for eligible seasonal farmworker includes the following key terms:

• The term "seasonal farmworker" is specifically defined for purposes of the NFJP program. This definition is different from the definitions of temporary and seasonal farmworker that apply to other programs.

The NFJP definition of seasonal farmworker includes:

- Individuals who are or were employed on a seasonal basis and move from one seasonal activity to another;
- Individuals who are or were employed year-round with variable schedules or activities depending on the type of farming and the time of year, such as work on dairy farms or farms that raise livestock or poultry, etc.;
- Individuals who are or were employed during peak or off season and either work in another type of employment during the year or have periods of unemployment; or
- Any other individual whose work history the grantee determines fits the definition.

The phrase "primarily employed in agricultural or fish farming labor" refers to an individual who during any 12 consecutive months out of the 24 months prior to application either:

- 1) spent at least half of their working hours employed in farmwork, OR
- 2) earned at least half of their total income from farmwork.

Demonstration of both 1 and 2 is not required.

The term "employed" includes three groups of workers:

- (1) individuals who are self-employed farmworkers;
- (2) individuals who work as unpaid farmworkers; and
- (3) individuals who are hired farmworkers, including direct hires and workers employed by farm labor contractors.

The terms "chronic unemployment or underemployment" refer to the nature of the agriculture or fish farming labor force as a whole and not whether an individual applicant is chronically unemployed or underemployed. For purposes of determining eligibility, grantees do not need to demonstrate that an individual is either chronically unemployed or underemployed. Similarly, grantees are not required to separately document that an individual faces potential barriers to economic self-sufficiency in determining eligibility, since farmworker status and low-income status can be barriers to employment as defined in WIOA Section 3(24) (and thus, individuals who meet the farmworker and low-income criteria).

Eligible Migrant Farmworker as defined in WIOA Section 167(i)(2), means an eligible seasonal farmworker as defined in WIOA Section 167(i)(3) 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. Dependents of eligible migrant farmworkers may receive NFJP services.

Eligible MSFW Youth as defined in 20 C.F.R. 685.110, means an eligible MSFW aged 14-24 who is individually eligible or is a dependent of an eligible MSFW. When an MSFW youth is individually eligible, this means their own income and farmwork status meets the low-income and farmwork requirements. When enrolling an individual aged 14-24 who is individually eligible as an MSFW youth, grantees are not required to determine if that individual is a dependent. When enrolling an individual aged 14-24 as a dependent, grantees are required to determine if an individual is a dependent.

Dependent. The definition of an individual who qualifies as a dependent of an eligible MSFW for purposes of the NFJP program is at 20 CFR 685.110. A dependent is an individual who:

- 1. Was claimed as a dependent on the eligible MSFW's federal income tax return for the previous year; or
- 2. Is the spouse of the eligible MSFW; or
- 3. If not claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes, is able to establish:
- (i) A relationship as the eligible MSFW's:
 - (A) Child, grandchild, great grandchild, including legally adopted children;
 - (B) Stepchild;
 - (C) Brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister;
 - (D) Parent, grandparent, or other direct ancestor but not foster parent;
 - (E) Foster child;
 - (F) Stepfather or stepmother;
 - (G) Uncle or aunt;
 - (H) Niece or nephew;
 - (I) Father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law; or
 - (J) Daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law; and
- (ii) Obtained the receipt of over half of his/her total support from the eligible MSFW's family during the eligibility determination period.

Farmwork means cultivation and tillage of the soil, dairying, production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodities. Pursuant to 20 CFR 685.110 and 20 CFR 651.10, Farmwork includes:

- The raising of livestock, bees, fur-bearing animals or poultry;
- Farming of fish;
- Any practices (including any forestry or lumbering operations) performed by a farmer, or on a farm, as an incident to or in conjunction with such farming operation, including preparation for market, delivery to storage or to market, or to carriers for transportation to market; or
- The handling, planting, drying, packaging, packing processing, freezing or grading prior to delivery for storage of any agricultural or horticultural commodity in its unmanufactured state.

Low-Income Individual means an individual as defined in WIOA Section 3(36)(A), and incorporating the low-income provision of the NFJP appropriations language in Public Law 116-260, who:

- 1. Receives, or in the past 6 months has received, or is a member of a family that is receiving or in the past 6 months has received, assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); the block grants to states for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); the supplemental security income (SSI) program established under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.); or state or local income-based public assistance;
- 2. Is in a family with total family income² that does not exceed the higher of:
 - a. 150 percent of the poverty line (Note: this provision of the low-income definition takes effect July 1, 2021, for determining eligibility of participants to receive services through NFJP grants awarded with Program Year 2021 funds. For determining eligibility of participants to receive services through Program Year 2020 funds or earlier, grantees must use 100 percent of the poverty line for this provision); or
 - b. 70 percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL);
- 3. Is a homeless individual (as defined in Section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e–2(6)), or a homeless child or youth (as defined under Section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2));
- 4. Receives or is eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);
- 5. Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; or
- 6. Is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the income requirement of clause (ii), but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet this requirement (WIOA Section 3(36)(A)).

Note: Only one of the six provisions above need to be met to be considered a low-income individual.

Family Income. For the purposes of calculating family income to determine low-income status as defined under WIOA Section 3(36)(A) for an individual who resides with their family in a single residence, grantees must use "family" as defined in 20 CFR 675.300, which means two or more persons related by blood, marriage or decree of a court, who are living in a single residence and are included in one or more of the following categories:

- (1) A married couple and dependent children;
- (2) A parent or guardian and dependent children; or
- (3) A married couple.

Reportable Individual means an individual who receives only related assistance services, including emergency assistance, that 1) do not require significant involvement of FCDP staff time; and 2) do not require an assessment by FCDP staff of an individual's skills, education, career objectives or housing needs. Such individuals are not included in performance calculations as program participants.

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Applicant Self-Attestation Statement for Intermittent Work and Income

INSTRUCTIONS (<u>TEGL No. 18-16 Change 2</u>): This form is for applicants who express that they have an intermittent income. This self-attestation form must be completed to certify an applicant's statement of intermittent income and be attached to an applicant's application. This form will be completed by every adult (age 18+) in the household that claims they have intermittent income.

This form must be completed by any adult household members who are employed intermittently, self-employed, or who, for whatever reason, do not have tax forms, W-2 forms, check stubs or other

documentation to verify their income for the las	t 30 days:
Applicant Name:	
I hereby certify the following applies to me and Total family income, including all countable included below for the following last 30 days:	any of my household: come, for all of my family members in my household is
From:	To:(Date of application)

Pay Day	Source of Income	Income	Name of Family Member