

12.C REGION 2 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD POLICY

Subject: **YOUTH INCENTIVE/STIPENDS/SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

AMENDED 5-21-2018 by approval of Board

REFERENCE (S)WIOA 681

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance for granting stipends and incentive awards to youth enrolled into the Title I WIOA Youth,

BACKGROUND:

The WIOA Youth funds can be used to provide incentives for recognition and achievement to eligible youth.

ACTION:

Incentives and stipends are allowable to youth enrolled into the WIOA Title I Youth Program. They are intended to be used to encourage and motivate WIOA youth to reach specific goals and obtain positive outcomes. Incentive and stipend awards are not entitlement. All incentive awards and stipends will be subject to the availability of WIOA Youth funds. It is the discretion of the Region 2 Workforce Investment Board to decide on a case by case basis, the use and extent of use of stipends and incentives and may be subject to need of the participant and the availability of funds for stipends and incentives

A. Stipend

Definition Stipend: A Stipend is a fixed regular payment made to a WIOA Youth participant during his/her enrollment to encourage the WIOA youth to participate in certain activities. To be eligible for a stipend youth must be enrolled and participating in work experience and have passed all sections of the pre-equivalency. Stipends may not exceed \$5.00 an hour up to 20 hours week for period of 12 weeks or have exhausted 240 hours of work experience. Stipends must be paid based on actual hours of attendance as shown on time sheet signed by instructor and participant.

Stipends may be awarded for the following activities: If enrolled and participating in Work Experience

- Attendance at GED – If Basic Skill Deficient or Lacking Diploma

Stipends may not be awarded for on-line or virtual classroom participation. Attendance must be at a Region 2 approved site and monthly timesheets must be submitted, signed by instructor and participant.