

For Your Information

Career Centers

Athens	(706) 583-2550
Greensboro	(706) 453-0794
Covington	(770) 784-2455
Monroe	(770) 207-4111
Elberton	(706) 213-2028

Local Adult Learning Centers Offer FREE GED, ESL,
and Pre-Vocational Classes:

Barrow	(770) 868-4080
Clarke	(706) 357-5281
Elbert	(706) 213-2141
Greene	(706) 453-1932
Jackson	(706) 335-9549
Jasper	(706) 468-8924
Madison	(706) 783-5308
Morgan	(706) 343-5916
Newton	(404) 297-9522
Oconee	(706) 769-3949
Oglethorpe	(706) 743-5395
Walton	(770) 207-3131

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

**“I want to go to
school to get a
good job, but
how will I afford
it?”**

FOR AGES 18–21
***You may be eligible for tuition
assistance through the WIA
Youth Program.***



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What is the WIA Youth Program?

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides the framework for a national workforce preparation and employment system designed to serve youth ages 18-21 who are economically disadvantaged in order to prepare them for entry into the labor market.

WIA provides direct training and supportive services for Georgians who qualify.

WIA assists with tuition, books, and supplies needed for your program of study, up to \$4,000 the first year of training, and \$2,000 the second year (if applicable). WIA will also assist with child-care and travel for those who qualify.

Do I qualify for WIA assistance?

You must meet the following criteria:

→ **Live in one of the following counties:** Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, or Walton *(if you live in a different county, you may be assisted through a different WIA office)*

→ **Be accepted into an approved program of study** which is listed on the *State Eligible Provider List* found at www.gcic.edu/gawia

→ **Be 18-21 years of age and considered eligible according to WIA income guidelines** (adult programs also available with different guidelines)

All applicants will receive CORE and INTENSIVE services through the local Department Of Labor or Career Center

Core Services

- Assessment
- Consumer Report Information
- Job Referrals
- Self-Help Job Search
- Internet Job Referral
- Individual Job Development
- Job Clubs
- Occupational Skills Assessment
- Program Eligibility Assistance

Intensive Services

- Comprehensive/ Specialized Assessment
- Individual Employment Plans
- Group Counseling/ Career Planning
- Case Management
- Short-Term Vocational Services
- Referral to Community Services

If you are interested in qualifying for the services provided by WIA, the following steps must be completed:

→ **Visit your local Career Center and register for services** *(contact info on back)*

→ **Check to be sure your training program and provider is on the State Eligible Provider List** (www.gcic.edu/gawia). *Please note that our WIA area may not cover every program listed. Depending on the demand in our area, we may not be able to cover certain programs under WIA. Contact the WIA office to verify that your program is approved by our local Workforce Board.*

→ **Print and complete the WIA checklist** found at www.negrc.org. *Click on "Workforce Development"; then click on "WIA Potential Customer Checklist".*

→ **Apply and be accepted to the school you plan to attend and program of study you would like to pursue.**

→ **Take the Georgia Work Ready Test** *contact your local technical college for testing info or visit www.gaworkready.com*

→ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** application for HOPE and PELL grants. *This can be done through the financial aid office at your school.*

→ **Once you have completed these steps, call the WIA office** to set up an appointment for intake and an interview.

**Career Advisors can be reached at (706) 369-5703 or (800) 533-5872
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