

WGTC 8.4

Underage Youth

An *Underage Youth* is an individual who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who has officially withdrawn from public, private, or home school.

To be eligible for program services, Underage Youth must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have parental/guardian permission
- Be married and present verifying documentation
- Be legally emancipated and present verifying documentation
- Be court-ordered or receive official adjudication mandating their enrollment in a GED preparatory program

Underage Youth applicants must provide proof of age. Identity and age must be verified using legal photographic identification. The acceptable forms of identification include driver's license, passport, identification card (military, school and government issued), and forms of identification provided by the motor vehicle department to non-drivers (must include name, address, date of birth, signature, and a photograph). Exceptions to the requirement for a photograph may be made on religious grounds when sufficient documentation for exemption is provided to the Vice President for Adult Education or designee. Other exceptions must be approved by the Vice President of Adult Education.

Underage students are considered adults within the program and are treated as such. No special supervision or monitoring is provided for these students, and the institution and instructors bear no responsibility for policing student behavior beyond its effect on the learning environment or violation of the WGTC Student Conduct Code. However, parents or guardians of underage youth are required to attend the initial program orientation with their children and to complete the Underage Youth Application before their children will be admitted to the program.

Reference: Technical College System of Georgia Office of Adult Education Policy and Procedure Manual
<https://tcsge.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/PP-MANUAL.pdf>

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