

**Fulton, Montgomery, and Schoharie Counties
Workforce Development Board, Inc.
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**Needs Related Payments Policy
BY-2015-16**

A stipend may be available to all participants on a bi-weekly basis while in training full time for a maximum of 52 weeks, if they meet the following:

Adults

- Unemployed, and
- do not qualify for, or have ceased to qualify for UI; and
- are enrolled in an approved program of training services

Dislocated Workers

- Unemployed; and
- have ceased to qualify or did not qualify for UI or TAA; and
- were enrolled in a WIOA approved program of training services by the end of the 13th week after the most recent layoff that resulted in Dislocated Worker Status

Rate

- Weekly rate may be up to the weekly poverty level for a family of one

Clarification to Policy

1. **Semester breaks of 14 days or less:** Customers eligible for needs-related payments shall be paid for school breaks¹ lasting 14 weekdays or less with no obligation on their part beyond the usual case management meeting with a Workforce Advisor.
2. **Semester breaks of 15 days or more:** Customers eligible for needs-related payments shall be paid for school breaks lasting 15 weekdays or more if they are in compliance with bi-weekly employment related activities designed and monitored by Workforce Advisors.

¹ Semester breaks are defined as Spring Break, Winter/Christmas Break, etc. and the period of time between Fall and Spring; Spring and Summer; and Summer and Fall semesters. Under no circumstances will customers be allowed to collect needs-related payments over the summer if they are not attending classes.