

Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD)

WHO IS AN ABAWD	<p>An individual that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 18 through 49 • Able to work and • Does not have a child under 18 included in the FNS unit
WHO IS EXEMPT?	<p>An individual that is exempt from ABAWD work requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the age of 18 or 50 years of age or older • Physically or mentally unfit for employment • Pregnant • Living in a household with a child/ren under 18 who is included in the FNSU • Caring for an incapacitated person • Chronic Homelessness • Alcohol / Drug Addiction causing ABAWD to be unfit to work • Participating in Work First Employment Services • Receiving unemployment insurance benefits (UIB) • Participating in Refugee Cash Assistance Work program • In school at least half time (as defined by any recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education)
BENEFIT PERIOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ABAWD can receive FNS benefits for 3 months in a 36 month period. • Current period begins January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. • The 3 months do not have to be consecutive (a prorated month does not count).
ABAWD WORK REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working 20 hours per week (80 hours averaged monthly). Note: If work hours fall under 20 hours per week, it is a reportable change. - Participating in a work program such as Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 20 hours per week (80 hours averaged monthly). - Volunteering with an approved public or private agency 20 hours per week (80 hours averaged monthly). - Participating 20 hours per week in an Employment and Training (E&T) program that includes qualifying ABAWD activities, as long as job search and/or job search training is less than half the requirement of the program. - Working and/or participating in a work program such as WIOA or E&T, and/or volunteering with a public or private agency for a combined total of 20 hours per week (80 hours averaged monthly).
QUALIFYING ABAWD ACTIVITIES	<p>WIOA Program: (Formerly known as WIA) The goal is to increase opportunities for employment, education, and training (20 hours per week required).</p> <p>Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA): Provides aid to workers who have lost their jobs as a result of foreign trade (20 hours per week required).</p> <p>Work Program: Assist in obtaining employment through work-related education, training and work experience activities (20 hours per week required).</p> <p>Volunteer/Work Experience: Designed to improve the employability of participants through actual work experience and/or training; placements can be with private, for-profit companies (20 hours/week, alone or combined with other activities). Mandatory unpaid work hours equal to the result obtained by dividing a household's FNS allotment by the Federal or State minimum wage).</p> <p>Education/Training: Aims to improve basic skills or employability and have a direct link to employment (20 hours per week alone or combined with other activities).</p>
REGAINING ELIGIBILITY	<p>An ABAWD who has regained eligibility by meeting ABAWD work requirements of 80 hours in a 30 day period and is no longer meeting the ABAWD work requirement can receive an additional 3 consecutive (Bonus) months.</p>

