

## What is WIA?

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides the framework for a national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses, the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers.

WIA provides funding and services for Georgians who lose their job as a result of plant closures, mass layoffs, and other effects of the changing economy.

**Through the WIA program,**

**All Applicants receive, as needed:**

### CORE Services (FREE)

- 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 (FREE)

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

**Qualified Applicants receive as needed:**

### TRAINING Services

- Occupational Skills Training
- Customized Training
- Workplace & Classroom Training
- Private Sector Training
- Skill Upgrading
- Job Readiness

To complete Core or Intensive Services, contact your local Department of Labor (DOL) Career Center. Individuals determined in need of skills upgrade in order to obtain employment may be referred for WIA-funded training.

**To qualify for WIA assistance by the Georgia Mountains WIA office, you must reside or be laid-off by an employer located in one of the following counties:**

**Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White.**

Residents of border counties in North Carolina or South Carolina need to contact their local Workforce Investment Area office if interested in the program.



Training must be completed within 104 weeks (two years) to be approved for the Georgia Mountains WIA funding.

In the Georgia Mountains WIA (GMWIA) program, you may be eligible for supportive services to help with meals, transportation, and childcare while in approved occupational skills training.

Any funds from WIA are not considered a loan or income, and they do not need to be claimed on

If you are interested in training opportunities provided by WIA, you should first do the following:

1. Visit your local DOL Career Center and register for services. You will receive information on jobs available in the local area and the skills and abilities required for those jobs.
2. Apply for admission to the school you plan to attend (at technical colleges, take the ASSET). To receive WIA funding, the training Provider and Program must be on the Georgia Mountains Approved Providers and Programs List and you must enroll full-time (12 credit hours). View the webpage:

[www.gmwia2.com/approvedproviders.html](http://www.gmwia2.com/approvedproviders.html)

3. Complete the FAFSA application for HOPE and PELL grants through the financial aid office at the training institution you plan to attend (if applicable).

Once you have completed these steps, you should then contact the GMWIA office to begin your application for WIA.



**For more information on the WIA program, visit the GMWIA website at [www.gmwia2.com](http://www.gmwia2.com) or call 770-538-2727. Ask for the Intake Specialist.**

## Local Adult Learning Centers:

Banks	(706) 677-4302
Dawson	(706) 265-1690
Forsyth	(770) 781-6987
Franklin	(706) 384-2261
Habersham	(706) 776-7323
Hall	(770) 531-6410
Hart	(706) 376-5534
Lumpkin	(706) 867-2862
Rabun	(706) 782-1362
Stephens	(706) 779-8116
Towns	(706) 896-6437
Union	(706) 781-6342
White	(706) 865-7323

## Local DOL Career Centers:

Blairsville	(706) 745-6959
Gainesville	(770) 535-5484
Habersham	(706) 776-0811
Toccoa	(706) 282-4514

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary Aids & Services Are Available Upon  
Request To Individuals With Disabilities

## Useful Web Sites:

<http://www.gmwia2.com>  
Georgia Mountains WIA, Region 2

<http://www.dol.state.ga.us>  
Georgia Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov>  
U.S. Department of Labor

<http://gcic.peachnet.edu>  
Georgia Career Information Center  
(user name: gdolgainesville)  
(password: gcis683)

<http://www.gcic.edu.gawia>  
Georgia's WIA Eligible Provider List

<http://www.fafsa.org/fafsa>  
Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
(PELL Grant)

<http://www.gsfc.org/hope>  
Georgia Student Finance Commission  
(HOPE Scholarship & HOPE Grant)

**Has your employer  
down-sized?**

**Has your company  
moved its base of  
operations?**

**You may be eligible  
for WIA money to  
help you pay for  
school!**



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