

## ADOPTION ASSISTANCE CONNECTIONS to AGE TWENTY-ONE (AAC) ACCEPTABLE FORMS of DOCUMENTATION

- Eligibility will be verified every 180 days.
- If all requirements are not met for corresponding Eligibility Requirement(s), AAC may be terminated.

<b>Adopted Child, now an Adopted Young Adult, must meet one of the Eligibility Requirements (1-5) and the adoptive parents must provide proof of continued Parental Responsibility.</b>	<b>Documentation</b> (Examples, other documentation to be considered on a case by case basis).
<b>1. Enrolled in High School or a program leading to an equivalent credential.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment in school to receive high school diploma</li> <li>• Participating GED program</li> <li>• Other institution/program by the Department of Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment letter from school administration or guidance counselor</li> <li>• Grade Report Card</li> <li>• Class schedule</li> </ul>
<b>2. Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College or university</li> <li>• On-line studies that are affiliated with a licensed institution</li> <li>• Vocational Program</li> <li>• Technical Schools</li> <li>• Work Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transcript</li> <li>• Acceptance Letter</li> <li>• Financial Aid Award Letter</li> <li>• Letter from college/university Admissions Office</li> <li>• Class Schedule</li> </ul>
<b>3. Employed for at least 80 hours per month.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Employment</li> <li>• AmeriCorps</li> <li>• Internship/Externship (Paid/ Unpaid)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paystub</li> <li>• Employer written verification</li> </ul>
<b>4. Participating in Program to Remove Barriers to Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work force preparation classes (CCMEP)</li> <li>• Job Corps</li> <li>• Job Skill Training Classes or Job Shadowing/Mentoring</li> <li>• Volunteering</li> <li>• Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Resume/Interview skills classes/training</li> <li>• Substance abuse/Mental health treatment</li> <li>• Domestic violence/date violence program</li> <li>• Parenting classes</li> <li>• Financial Management classes</li> <li>• Driver’s education classes</li> <li>• ESL Classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification letter from program/activity that includes description of program/activity and its duration (e.g. six-week program)</li> </ul>
<b>5. Unable to participate in the activities detailed above due to a diagnosed physical or mental health condition documented by a qualified practitioner.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Adult’s condition may be short or long term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification from a qualified practitioner treating the applicant for a physical or mental health condition that prevents the applicant from participating in education or employment using the attached “Disability Verification Form” OR;</li> <li>• A copy of the applicant’s Social Security award letter effective within 180 days from the date of their application for AAC.</li> </ul>
<b>Parental Responsibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation is required to verify ongoing parental responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receipts to show payment(s) on behalf of the young adult for rent, utilities, cell phone, tuition, clothing</li> <li>• Tax return</li> <li>• FAFSA (must be dependent)</li> </ul>