

**15.5 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS UNDER AGE 18 (WV WORKS)**

There are special requirements for parents under the age of 18 to be eligible for WV WORKS cash assistance. The individual who is not age 18, is not married, has a minor child at least 12 weeks of ages in his or her care, and has not successfully completed a high-school education (or its equivalent) must meet the following two requirements:

- Remain in an educational activity to complete high school, obtain a GED or vocational training. See Chapter 9 for more details; and
- Live with parent(s) or in other adult-supervised living arrangement. See Chapter 9 for more details.

Failure to meet the educational requirement results in ineligibility for an unmarried parent under age 18.

Failure to live with parent(s) or in another adult-supervised setting results in ineligibility for an unmarried parent under age 18 and the child(ren) of such parent.

**NOTE:** When another parent of the child who is age 18 or over resides in the home, the child may be eligible.

**EXAMPLE:** A 16-year-old mother lives with the 19-year-old legal father of her baby. The father and the baby may be eligible, although the mother is ineligible.

**EXAMPLE:** A 16 year old mother is married to the 21 year old father of her child. All members of the assistance group are eligible to be included in the check. As a parent under 20, the mother must meet the educational requirements required on the PRC, or the case would be sanctioned.