

# Applicants under the age of 18

## Information about Special Requirements

**An applicant who is under 18 and whose class HAS graduated** may submit to the GED Examiner at a local testing center written proof from the last school attended of the graduation date of his/her class and may then be permitted to take the GED tests.

**An applicant who is under 18 and whose class HAS NOT graduated** must receive permission from the state administrator of the GED Testing Program to take the test. The applicant must be at least 16 years of age. The applicant must submit to the GED administrator the items listed below:

1. A letter with a handwritten signature from the applicant, stating the following:
  - his/her date of birth
  - his/her reason for wishing to take the GED test at this time including an explanation of why he/she has chosen the option and of why the GED is important to his/her future plans.
  - the location of the testing center where he/she plans to take the test
2. An official statement from the superintendent, principal or guidance counselor of the last school attended giving the date the applicant officially withdrew from school or a letter stating that the student has been a participant in a home schooling program.
3. A statement on school letterhead from a school official (superintendent, principal or guidance counselor) stating that it is in the applicant's best interest to take the GED test at this time OR a letter from one of the following:
  - A college, university or post-secondary school official stating that a high school equivalency is required.
  - An employer who states that the applicant's job is contingent on a high school equivalency.
  - A recruiting official of the Armed Forces who states that a high school equivalency is needed.

One letter from a school official may include both #2 and #3.

The student letter of request and supporting material from school officials should be mailed to GED Administrator, NH Department of Education, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 20, Concord, NH 03301. Faxed materials cannot be accepted.

### INFORMATION FOR HOME SCHOOLED APPLICANTS

Home schooled students sometimes take the GED Tests as a way to demonstrate a high school credential for colleges and employers. A home schooled student who is 18 or older may register for the GED at any local testing center.

A home schooled student who is 16 or 17 may follow the guidelines for requesting permission for 16 and 17 year old out-of-school youth who wish to apply to take the GED tests (above). The student may submit the Form for Home Schooled GED Applicants Under the Age of 18 in place of a withdrawal notice and a letter from a school official.