



Instruction Sheet

Categorical Eligibility for USDA Foods

If a household currently receives one or more of the following types of assistance, the CE should mark the household categorically eligible.

Categorical Eligibility	
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
NSLP	National School Lunch Program
Medicaid	Medicaid

Household Size	Total Income				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$1,124	\$1,038	\$519
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$1,521	\$1,404	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$1,917	\$1,769	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$2,135	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$2,709	\$2,501	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$3,105	\$2,867	\$1,434
7	\$84,027	\$7,003	\$3,502	\$3,232	\$1,616
8	\$93,536	\$7,795	\$3,898	\$3,598	\$1,799
For each additional household member, add:	+\$9,509	+\$793	+\$397	+\$366	+\$183

TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines:

Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024:

Application

At a minimum, obtain the signature of a household member to show that the household applied for the program.

Name and Signature of household member (or proxy) – Obtain the name and signature of a household member who is eligible to apply on behalf of the household. If no one in the household is older than 18 then a household member younger than 18 may sign the form. Please ensure the applicant reads the full acknowledgement statement or read it to applicant.

Number of household members – Enter the number of household members for whom USDA Foods are requested.

Address – Enter the household's address. CEs or sites may request but must not require proof of address.

Certification Columns: Categorical Eligibility

Mark the categorical column if the household currently receives one or more of the specific types of assistance listed. If the household does not receive any of the assistance types listed, leave the column blank. CEs or sites may request but must not require proof of other assistance.

Certification Columns: Income Eligibility

Total gross income – This information is optional if the household is categorically eligible. Request the applicant's total gross income of all household members. CEs or sites may request but must not require proof of income. Mark the income column if the applicant's income is at or below the eligibility limit as listed on the guideline chart.

Note: Farmers and self-employed persons may report net income (the amount after business expenses). This net income will be added to the gross income, if applicable, of other household members, to arrive at the total gross income for the household.

Certification Columns: Household Crisis Eligibility

Mark only if the household is ineligible based on category or income eligibility.

Households qualify based on unexpected and unavoidable expenses of a household crisis.

Characteristics of a Household Crisis	Examples of Unexpected Costs of a Household Crisis <i>(The CE or site may define and document other circumstances.)</i>
1. Unexpected	1. Necessary medical treatment of a household member
2. Temporary	2. Burial expenses of a household member
3. Beyond the household's control	3. Uncontrolled loss of employment
	4. The repair or replacement, because of a household disaster ¹ , of the household's home, home contents, or vehicle

Ineligible

Mark ineligible column if household is determined to be ineligible

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