

HOPE CLIENT INTAKE: USDA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The food items provided by the Central Texas Food Bank through the Mobile Food Pantry program include US Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities. Therefore, in order to receive HOPE food, clients must qualify to participate by meeting USDA's Income Eligibility Guidelines.

How do I know if I meet USDA's Income Eligibility Guidelines?

Using the chart below, find where the number of people in your household intersects with your household's income. If this dollar amount is equal to or below your household income, you meet the requirements to receive USDA commodities and are eligible to participate in HOPE.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Income Eligibility Guidelines

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Based on 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines					
Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Twice-Monthly Income	Bi-Weekly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$578
3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$727
4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$876
5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$1,024
6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
For each additional household member, add:	+ \$7,733	+ \$645	+ \$323	+ \$298	+ \$149

What if I don't meet USDA's Income Eligibility Guidelines?

If your income level exceeds the income guideline for your household size but you or someone in your household receives one or several of the following federal benefits you still are eligible to receive food:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Non-institutional Medicaid

If you do not meet USDA's Income Eligibility Guidelines and you or a member of your household does not receive one of these benefits but you are experiencing an emergency food need you may qualify to receive food by documenting your emergency food need on the HOPE Client Intake Form. After six months, you will need to re-qualify for the program by completing a new Client Intake Form. If at that time you still do not qualify based on your household income or receipt of federal benefits but are experiencing the same or a new emergency situation, you may re-declare your state of emergency and qualify to receive food for an additional six months.

For more information on eligibility requirements for receiving food through the Food Bank distribution programs please contact the Food Bank Programs Team: 512-282-2111.

