

Income Guidelines

Your appropriately aged child is eligible for Head Start if any one of the following is true of your family:

- Income is at or below the income guideline (see chart below)
- **OR** receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- **OR** receiving SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- **OR** your family is homeless *
- **OR** the child has a disability * *
- **OR** the child is a foster child

Head Start Family Income Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States
and the District of Columbia

Size of Family Unit	Income Guideline
1	\$10,400
2	14,000
3	17,600
4	21,200
5	24,800
6	28,400
7	32,000
8	35,600

For family units with more than 8 members,
add \$3,600 for each additional member.

*A family is considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, share the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship, live in motels or campgrounds, live in emergency or transitional shelters, are awaiting foster care placement, or live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

**Children with a disability and within the income guide are automatically eligible. Children with a disability and over the income guide are placed at the top of the over income waiting list and will be placed first when an over income placement is available.