

The Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program has changed its eligibility guidelines for a full (\$50) or half (\$25) waiver of the annual participation fee of \$50.00.

- Full waivers are available to re-enrolling members from Sept. 1 – Nov. 30: **no full waivers allowed for re-enrolling members after Nov. 30.**
- After Nov. 30 the fee to re-enroll in 4-H is \$100 and only half waivers will be granted to re-enrolling members.

These funds are used to support the 4-H program in Massachusetts.

To request a full or half waiver of the participation fee submit a letter (or email) to your local Educator.

Include names of child/children and parent within the letter for which the waiver is being requested.

Parent must sign, date the letter and include their address.

- ✿ To request a half fee waiver, a family must provide an explanation of their financial hardship.
- ✿ To request a full fee waiver, the family’s gross income must be at or below the income guidelines established by the federal government for eligibility for free or reduced price lunch in public schools (see chart below). The guidelines are set at 185% of the federal poverty level. To request a full waiver you must supply your SNAP ID number or written documentation of family income (and number of family members) or written documentation of financial hardship (i.e. layoff notice).

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
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
Each Add'l Family Member Add	+7,733	+645	+323	+298	+149

Send the letter and required documentation to your local 4-H Educator. Indicate on the space provided on the Member Enrollment Form that you have submitted a waiver request. **Members cannot be enrolled until the request for waiver is approved and/or the fee or half of fee is paid.** Please note the information supplied to the local Educator will be held in strict confidence.

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