

Participation fees go to support the operations of 4-H including (but not limited to) telephone, computer purchases, travel expenses and member awards. No state or federal funds are provided to 4-H for operations. The Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program has a process for families to request a full (\$50) or half (\$25) waiver of the annual participation fee of \$50.00 for need based situations.

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 do one of the following:

- Supply your SNAP ID number in the space indicated on the Member Enrollment Form.
- Provide written documentation of family income (pay stub or W-2 and number of family members).
- Provide written documentation of financial hardship (i.e. layoff notice).

To request a half fee waiver, a family must provide one of the above or an explanation of their financial hardship. This explanation must be in writing to the local 4-H Educator.

Members are not 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 is held in strict confidence.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each Add'l Family Member Add	+7,992	+666	+333	+308	+154

Important information about enrollment deadlines:

- 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.



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