

The 4-H Program participation fees help to support a variety of program operations. These include, but are not limited to, member and volunteer awards, purchase and distribution of kits and materials, and enrollment of all members and volunteers in the American Income Life 4-H Club Accident Insurance Policy. Very few state or federal funds are provided to 4-H for operations. Those who request a full (\$40) or half (\$20) waiver of the annual participation fee of \$40.00 for need based situations must meet specific criteria in order to qualify.

**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 provide one of the following:

- Supply your SNAP ID number in the space indicated on the Member Enrollment Form or call your local 4-H office to supply that information
- 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 *and* an explanation of their financial hardship. This explanation must be in writing to the local 4-H Educator.

Please note the information supplied to the local Educator is held in strict confidence.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Full waivers are available to re-enrolling members from Sept. 1 – Dec. 31. **No full waivers allowed for re-enrolling members after Dec.31; however half waivers may be requested**
- After Dec. 31 the fee to re-enroll in 4-H is \$80 and only half waivers will be granted to re-enrolling members.
- Members are not enrolled until the request for waiver is approved and/or the fee or half of fee is paid.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**  
(Effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30,

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
Each Add'l Family Member Add	+8,288	+691	+346	+319	+160



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