



Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program 2008 Schedule of Income Eligibility Levels February 7, 2008

SUMMARY: This Notice revises the schedules of income eligibility levels for participation in the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and the Senior Companion Program (SCP) of the Corporation for National and Community Service, published at the Senior Corps website, www.seniorcorps.gov, in February 2007.

DATES: These guidelines are effective as of the publication of the Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, January 23, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revised schedules are based on changes in the Poverty Guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, No. 15, pp. 3971–3972, January 23, 2008. In accordance with program regulations, the income eligibility level for each State, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia is 125 percent of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines, except in those areas determined by the Corporation to be of higher cost of living. In such instances, the guidelines shall be 135 percent of the DHHS Poverty levels (See attached list of High Cost Areas). The level of eligibility is rounded to the next higher multiple of \$5.00.

In determining income eligibility, consideration should be given to the following, as set forth in 45 CFR 2551-2552 dated October 1, 1999, as amended per the *Federal Register*, Vol. 67, No. 188, Friday, September 27, 2002, Vol. 69, No.72, Wednesday, April 14, 2004, and Vol. 69, No. 75, Monday, April 19, 2004.

- Allowable medical expenses are annual out-of-pocket expenses for health insurance premiums, health care services, and medications provided to the applicant, enrollee, or spouse, which were not and will not be paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurance, or by any other third party, and which do not exceed 50 percent of the applicable Corporation income guideline.
- Annual income is counted for the past 12 months, for serving SCP and FGP volunteers, and is projected for the subsequent 12 months for applicants to become SCP and FGP volunteers.
- Annual income includes the applicant or enrollee's income and the applicant or enrollee's spouse's income, if the spouse lives in the same residence. Sponsors must count the value of

shelter, food, and clothing, if provided at no cost by persons related to the applicant, enrollee or spouse.

- Any person whose income is not more than 100 percent of the DHHS Poverty Guideline for her/his specific family unit shall be given special consideration for participation in the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs

Clarification regarding Food Stamps: For eligibility purposes, income does not include the value of food stamps provided under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended.

**2008 FGP/SCP Income Eligibility Levels
[Based on 125 percent of DHHS poverty guidelines]**

States	Family units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except High Cost Areas, Alaska & Hawaii....	\$13,000	\$17,500	\$22,000	\$26,500

For family units with more than four members, add \$4,500 for each additional member in all States except designated High Cost Areas, Alaska and Hawaii.

**2008 FGP/SCP Income Eligibility Levels for High Cost Areas
[Based on 135 percent of DHHS poverty guidelines]**

States	Family units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except Alaska & Hawaii.....	\$14,040	\$18,900	\$23,760	\$28,620
Alaska.....	17,550	23,625	29,700	35,775
Hawaii.....	16,150	21,735	27,325	32,915

For family units with more than four members, add: \$4,500 for all areas, \$6,075 for Alaska, and \$5,590 for Hawaii, for each additional member.

The income eligibility levels specified above are based on 135 percent of the DHHS poverty guidelines and are applicable to the following high cost metropolitan statistical areas and primary metropolitan statistical areas:

High Cost Areas

(Including all Counties/Locations Included in that Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. 2008 additions are underlined.)

Alaska

(All Locations)

California

Inyo Mono County

Los Angeles/Compton/San Gabriel/Long Beach/Hawthorne (Los Angeles County)

Salinas/Seaside/Monterey (Monterey County)

Santa Barbara/Santa Maria/Lompoc (Santa Barbara County)

Santa Cruz/Watsonville (Santa Cruz County)

Santa Rosa/Petaluma (Sonoma County)

San Diego/El Cajon (San Diego County)

San Jose/Los Gatos (Santa Clara County)

San Francisco/San Rafael (Marin County)

San Francisco/Redwood City (San Mateo County)

San Francisco (San Francisco County)

Oakland/Berkeley (Alameda County)

Oakland/Martinez (Contra Costa County)

Anaheim/Santa Ana (Orange County)

Oxnard/Ventura (Ventura County)

Colorado

Boulder/Longmont (Boulder County)

Connecticut

New Haven/Meriden (Middlesex County)

Bridgeport (New Haven County)

Stamford (Fairfield County)

District of Columbia/Maryland/Virginia

District of Columbia and Surrounding Counties in Maryland and Virginia.

MD Counties: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Cecil, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties

VA Counties: Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, Alexandria City, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Manassas City, and Manassas Park City

Georgia

Atlanta/Decatur (Fulton and DeKalb Counties)

Hawaii

(All Locations)

Illinois

Chicago/Des Plaines/Oak Park/Wheaton/Woodstock (Cook, DuPage, and McHenry Counties)
Lake County

Massachusetts

Barnstable (Barnstable County)
Edgartown (Dukes County)
Boston/Malden (Essex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties)
Brockton/Wellesley/Braintree/Boston (Norfolk County)
Dorchester/Boston (Suffolk County)
Nantucket County
Springfield/Amherst/Northampton (Hampshire County)
Worcester (City) (Worcester County)

Nevada

Las Vegas (Clark County)

New Jersey

Bergen/Passaic/Patterson (Bergen and Passaic Counties)
Jersey City (Hudson County)
Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon (Hunterdon, Middlesex and Somerset Counties)
Monmouth/Ocean/Spring Lake (Monmouth and Ocean Counties)
Newark/East Orange (Essex, Morris, Sussex and Union Counties)
Trenton (Mercer County)

New York

Nassau/Suffolk/Long Beach/Huntington (Suffolk and Nassau Counties)
New York/Bronx/Brooklyn (Bronx, King, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond and Rockland Counties)
Westchester/White Plains/Yonkers/Valhalla (Westchester County)

Ohio

Medina/Lorain/Elyria (Medina/Lorain County)

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia/Doylestown/West Chester/Media/Norristown (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties)

Washington

Seattle (King County)

Wyoming

(All Locations)

The revised income eligibility levels presented here are calculated from the base DHHS Poverty Guidelines now in effect as follows:

2008 DHHS Poverty Guidelines for All States

States	Family Units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except Alaska & Hawaii.....	\$10,400	\$14,000	\$17,600	\$21,200
Alaska.....	13,000	17,500	22,000	26,500
Hawaii.....	11,960	16,100	20,240	24,380

For family units with more than four members, add: \$3,600 for all areas, \$4,500 for Alaska, and \$4,140 for Hawaii, for each additional member.

Authority: These programs are authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5011 and 5013 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended. The income eligibility levels are determined by the current guidelines published by DHHS pursuant to Sections 652 and 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 which requires poverty guidelines to be adjusted for Consumer Price Index changes.



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Date