



## **Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program 2009 Schedule of Income Eligibility Levels February 17, 2009**

**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](http://www.seniorcorps.gov), in February 2008. The list of High Cost Areas has been significantly revised for 2009.

**DATES:** These guidelines are effective as of the publication of the Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, January 23, 2009.

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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. 74, No. 14, pp. 4199–4201, January 23, 2009. 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 higher in cost of living based on application of the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) subsistence rates. In such instances, the guidelines shall be 135 percent of the DHHS Poverty levels. The level of eligibility is rounded to the next higher multiple of \$5.00.

**An updated list of High Cost Areas is included below, consistent with current VISTA subsistence rates.** Where a grantee serves a county or city that was on the list of High Cost Areas in 2008, but is no longer on this list, any volunteer who met the applicable income guideline in effect in 2008 may continue serving as a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion as long as their annual income review indicates that the volunteer's income is within 135 percent of the DHHS poverty guidelines. However, all newly recruited or returning volunteers must meet the current income eligibility level that applies to their county or city.

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.

**2009 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....	\$13,540	\$18,215	\$22,890	\$27,565

For family units with more than four members, add \$4,675 for each additional member in all States except designated High Cost Areas, Alaska and Hawaii.

**2009 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.....	\$14,625	\$19,670	\$24,720	\$29,770
Alaska.....	\$18,270	\$24,585	\$30,905	\$37,220
Hawaii.....	\$16,825	\$22,630	\$28,435	\$34,240

For family units with more than four members, add: \$5,049 for all areas, \$6,320 for Alaska, and \$5,805 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 areas:

**High Cost Areas**

**Alaska**

(All Locations)

**California**

Alameda County  
Contra Costa County  
El Dorado County  
Los Angeles County  
Marin County  
Mono County  
Monterey County  
Napa County  
Nevada County

Orange County  
Placer County  
Riverside County  
Sacramento County  
San Bernardino County  
San Diego County  
San Francisco County  
San Luis Obispo County  
San Mateo County

Santa Barbara County  
Santa Clara County  
Santa Cruz County  
Sierra County  
Sonoma County  
Solano County  
Ventura County  
Yolo County

**Colorado**

Boulder County  
Broomfield County  
Denver County

Eagle County  
Pitkin County  
San Miguel County

Summit County

**Connecticut**

Fairfield County  
Hartford County  
Litchfield County

Middlesex County  
New Castle County  
New Haven County

New London County  
Tolland County  
Windham County

**District of Columbia**

**Florida**

Broward County  
Monroe County

Palm Beach County  
Collier County

Miami-Dade County

**Georgia**

Cherokee County  
Clayton County  
Cobb County  
Coweta County  
DeKalb County

Douglas County  
Fayette County  
Forsyth County  
Fulton County  
Gwinnet County

Newton County  
Paulding County  
Rockdale County  
Spalding County

**Hawaii**  
(All Locations)

Cook County

**Illinois**  
DuPage County

McHenry County

Androscoggin County  
Aroostook County  
Cumberland County  
Franklin County  
Hancock County  
Kennebec County

**Maine**  
Knox County  
Lincoln County  
Oxford County  
Penobscot County  
Piscataquis County  
Sagadahoc County

Somerset County  
Waldo County  
Washington County  
York County

Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore County  
Calvert County  
Charles County

**Maryland**  
Cecil County  
Columbia City  
Frederick County  
Harford County  
Howard County

Montgomery County  
Prince George's County  
Queen Anne's County  
St. Mary's County

Barnstable County  
Berkshire County  
Bristol County  
Dukes County  
Essex County

**Massachusetts**  
Franklin County  
Hampden County  
Hampshire County  
Middlesex County  
Nantucket County

Norfolk County  
Plymouth County  
Suffolk County  
Worcester County

Lapeer County  
Livingston County  
Macomb County

**Michigan**  
Monroe County  
Oakland County  
St. Clair County

Washtenaw County  
Wayne County

**Minnesota**  
Ramsey County

Carroll County  
Cheshire County

**New Hampshire**  
Coos County  
Belknap County

Hillsborough County  
Rockingham County

**Nevada**  
Clark County

Atlantic County  
Bergen County  
Burlington County  
Cape May County  
Cumberland County  
Essex County  
Gloucester County

**New Jersey**  
Hudson County  
Hunterdon County  
Middlesex County  
Mercer County  
Monmouth County  
Morris County  
Ocean County

Passaic County  
Salem County  
Somerset County  
Sussex County  
Union County  
Warren County

**New Mexico**  
Santa Fe County

Suffolk County  
Nassau County  
Bronx County  
King County

**New York**  
New York County  
Putnam County  
Queens County  
Richmond County

Rockland County  
Westchester County

Bucks  
Chester County

**Pennsylvania**  
Delaware County  
Montgomery County

Philadelphia County  
Pike County

Bristol County  
Kent County

**Rhode Island**  
Newport County  
Providence County

Washington County

Dallas County

**Texas**  
Denton County

Hays County

Chittendon County

**Vermont**  
Franklin County

Grand Isle County

Alexandria City  
Arlington County  
Fairfax City  
Fairfax County

**Virginia**  
Falls Church City  
Fauquier County  
Loudoun County  
Manassas City

Manassas Park City  
Prince William County  
Stafford County

**Washington**  
King County

**Wyoming**  
Teton County

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

**2009 DHHS Poverty Guidelines for All States**

States	Family Units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except Alaska & Hawaii.....	\$10,830	\$14,570	\$18,310	\$22,050
Alaska.....	\$13,530	\$18,210	\$22,890	\$27,570
Hawaii.....	\$12,460	\$16,760	\$21,060	\$25,360

For family units with more than four members, add: \$3,740 for all areas, \$4,680 for Alaska, and \$4,300 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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