



## **Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program Supplemental 2009 Schedule of Income Eligibility Levels Effective October 1, 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 2009. The levels are increased to 200% of poverty, effective October 1, 2009, to conform to the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009. As a result of this increase, the High Cost Areas category has been eliminated.

**DATES:** These guidelines are effective as of October 1, 2009 and remain in effect until the HHS Poverty Guidelines are revised for 2010.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The revised schedule is based on 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 the Serve America Act, the income eligibility level is 200% of the poverty guideline for volunteers enrolled on or after October 1, 2009.

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 200 percent of DHHS poverty guidelines]**

States	Family units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except Alaska & Hawaii....	\$21,660	\$29,140	\$36,620	\$44,100
Alaska.....	\$27,060	\$36,420	\$45,780	\$55,140
Hawaii.....	\$24,920	\$33,520	\$42,120	\$50,720

For family units with more than four members, add \$7,480 for each additional member in all States except Alaska and Hawaii, \$9,360 for Alaska, and \$8,600 for Hawaii.

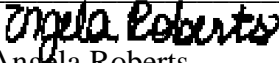
The revised income eligibility levels presented here are calculated from the base DHHS Poverty Guidelines now in effect as follows:

**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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