

**THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)  
ELIGIBILITY FORM TO TAKE FOOD HOME**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This table shows gross income for each family size. If your household income is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household, you are eligible to receive food. Proof of income is not required unless requested.

**State of Maine TEFAP Income Guidelines**

Last updated January 20, 2026. Figures represent 300% of Maine Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Month	Week
1	\$47,880	\$3,990	\$921
2	\$64,920	\$5,410	\$1,248
3	\$81,960	\$6,830	\$1,576
4	\$99,000	\$8,250	\$1,904
5	\$116,040	\$9,670	\$2,232
6	\$133,080	\$11,090	\$2,559
7	\$150,120	\$12,510	\$2,887
8	\$167,160	\$13,930	\$3,215
For Each Additional Add	+\$17,040	+\$1,420	+\$327.69

If your household income is at or below the respective threshold for your household size, please mark this box:

You also may be eligible to receive food from TEFAP if your income is greater than the amount in the above table and if you cannot meet your household's nutritional needs due to an emergency. If so, please mark this box:

If you cannot mark an above box, you may also be eligible to receive food from TEFAP if participating in one of the below programs. If you participate in one of these programs, please mark the box left of it.

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled (DEL)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Maine does not require proof of participation in an above program to be eligible for TEFAP (verbal acknowledgment is sufficient). Signatures are no longer required. **Please read the following statement carefully:**

I certify that my household gross income is at or below the income listed on this form for the amount corresponding to the number of people in my household, I am experiencing an emergency, or I have established eligibility from participating in a program indicated above. This certification is being submitted in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify what I have certified to be true. I understand that making a false certification may result in having to pay the State agency for the monetary value of the food improperly issued to me and may subject me to civil or criminal prosecution.

If you meet the requirements to mark any of the above boxes on this form and agree with these statements, you are eligible to receive TEFAP in Maine. There is no need to mark more than one box if multiple are applicable.

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2. **Fax:** (202) 690-7442; or
3. **Email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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