

MAINE SENIOR FARMSHARE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

To participate in Maine Senior FarmShare, a person must:

- Be a Maine resident (citizenship not required)
- Be age 60 or over (age 55 or over for Native Americans or age 18 or over for disabled adults living in a senior living facility with a cafeteria)
- Have a gross annual household income (including all pensions, Social Security, and other payments) of no more than 185% of the poverty level (see below)

2024-2025 Income Eligibility Guidelines

SFMNP income eligibility guidelines are effective from April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The outlined number below refers to the household size (number of people residing in a household). The <u>individual gross annual income</u> must be below the dollar amount after each outlined number of household size to be income eligible.

1	\$27,861	2	\$37,814	3	\$47,767	4	\$57,720	5	\$67,673	6	\$77,626
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Income eligibility guidelines are subject to change. Farmers will be notified, and forms will be updated accordingly.

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