

2004 Poverty Guidelines*

Minimum Income Requirement For Use in Completing Form I-864

**For the 48 Contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam:**

<u>Sponsor's Household Size</u>	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child.	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors
2	\$12,490	\$15,612
3	15,670	19,587
4	18,850	23,562
5	22,030	27,537
6	25,210	31,512
7	28,390	35,487
8	31,570	39,462
	Add \$3,180 for each additional person.	Add \$3,975 for each additional person.

<u>Sponsor's Household Size</u>	<u>For Alaska</u>		<u>For Hawaii</u>	
	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors
2	\$15,610	\$19,512	\$14,360	\$17,950
3	19,590	24,487	18,020	22,525
4	23,570	29,462	21,680	27,100
5	27,550	34,437	25,340	31,675
6	31,530	39,412	29,000	36,250
7	35,510	44,387	32,660	40,825
8	39,490	49,362	36,320	45,400
	Add \$3,980 for each additional person.	Add \$4,975 for each additional person.	Add \$3,660 for each additional person.	Add \$4,575 for each additional person.

Means-tested Public Benefits

Federal Means-tested Public Benefits. To date, Federal agencies administering benefit programs have determined that Federal means-tested public benefits include Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

State Means-tested Public Benefits. Each State will determine which, if any, of its public benefits are means-tested. If a State determines that it has programs which meet this definition, it is encouraged to provide notice to the public on which programs are included. Check with the State public assistance office to determine which, if any, State assistance programs have been determined to be State means-tested public benefits.

Programs Not Included: The following Federal and State programs are *not* included as means-tested benefits: emergency Medicaid; short-term, non-cash emergency relief; services provided under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts; immunizations and testing and treatment for communicable diseases; student assistance under the Higher Education Act and the Public Health Service Act; certain forms of foster-care or adoption assistance under the Social Security Act; Head Start Programs; means-tested programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and Job Training Partnership Act programs.

* These poverty guidelines remain in effect for use with the Form I-864 Affidavit of Support from April 1, 2004 until new poverty guidelines go into effect in the Spring of 2005.