

The Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program has changed its eligibility guidelines for a full or partial waiver of the annual participation fee of \$ 60.00 (*Early Bird Special enrollment of \$50 prior to Nov. 15*). Please note the annual family maximum is \$150. These funds are used in support of the 4-H program in Massachusetts.

A family can request that the full fee or a portion of the fee be waived if:

- A family income is at or below the income guidelines established by the federal government for eligibility for free or reduced price lunch in public schools. The guidelines are set at 185% of the federal poverty level. A full waiver will be granted in this case.
- When the financial hardship of the family will impact the participation of the youth in the 4-H.

**Please submit a letter requesting a full or partial waiver of the participation fee:**

- Include names of child/children and parent within the letter for which the waiver is being requested. Parent must sign, date the letter and include their address.
- **To be eligible for a partial fee waiver**, a family must provide an explanation of their financial hardship and the portion of the fee the family is willing to pay.
- **To be eligible for a full fee waiver**, the family must supply their SNAP ID number **or** documentation of family income. The family’s gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) falls at or below the following guidelines:

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
(Effective from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)**

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$862	\$795	\$398
2	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
4	42,643	3,554	1,777	1,641	821
5	49,969	4,165	2,083	1,922	961
6	57,295	4,775	2,388	2,204	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	2,693	2,486	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384
Each Add'l Member Add	+\$7,326	+611	+306	+282	+141

Send the letter and required documentation to your local 4-H Educator. Indicate on the space provided on the Member Enrollment Form that you have submitted a waiver request. **Members cannot be enrolled until the request for waiver is approved and/or a fee or partial fee is paid.** Please note the information supplied to the local Educator will be held in strict confidence.

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