

Enrollment Qualifications for FIPP Early Head Start

During the application process, families will be asked to disclose financial information and information about the degree to which the family has the resources to meet its needs and priorities. This information will be used to determine eligibility for Early Head Start. Ninety percent of the families enrolled in Early Head Start must meet the financial guidelines listed below. If we receive more applications than spaces available, we will prioritize families based on the information provided in the Family Resource Scale and other information provided in the enrollment form.

Head Start Family Income Guidelines for 2007

2007 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
1.....	\$10,210
2.....	13,690
3.....	17,170
4.....	20,650
5.....	24,130
6.....	27,610
7.....	31,090
8.....	34,570

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,480 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

2007 Poverty Guidelines for Alaska

Size of family unit	Poverty Guideline
1.....	\$12,770
2.....	17,120
3.....	21,470
4.....	25,820
5.....	30,170
6.....	34,520
7.....	38,870
8.....	43,220

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,350 for each additional member.

2007 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
1.....	\$11,750
2.....	15,750
3.....	19,750
4.....	23,750
5.....	27,750
6.....	31,750
7.....	35,750
8.....	39,750

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,000 for each additional member.

Head Start Program Definition of Income

Income means total cash receipts before taxes from all sources, with the exceptions noted below. Income includes money wages or salary before deductions; net income from non-farm self-employment; net income from farm self-employment; regular payments from Social Security or railroad retirement; payments from unemployment compensation, strike benefits from union funds, workers' compensation, veterans benefits (with the exception noted below), public assistance (including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income, Emergency Assistance money payments, and non-Federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments); training stipends; alimony, child support, and military family allotments or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household; private pensions, government employee pensions (including military retirement pay), and regular insurance or annuity payments; college or university scholarships, grants, fellowships, and assistantships; and dividends, interest, net rental income, net royalties, and periodic receipts from estates or trusts; and net gambling or lottery winnings.

The period of time to be considered for eligibility is the twelve months immediately preceding the month in which application or reapplication for enrollment of a child in a Head Start program is made, or for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the application or reapplication is made, whichever more accurately reflects the family's current needs.