



**BROWN BAG: FOOD FOR ELDERS
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
July 1, 2018**

Please use the guidelines listed below when determining if individuals are eligible to receive a Brown Bag from The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts.

Each household is permitted only one bag each month.

Participants must meet requirements for both age and income.

Age Requirement

Participants must be:

- at least 55 years old, or
- have a documented disability for which they receive SSDI (Social Security Disability Income).

Income Requirement

| <i># of Household Members</i> | <i>Annual</i> | <i>Monthly</i> | <i>Weekly</i> |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 22,459 | 1,872 | 432 |
| 2 | 30,451 | 2,538 | 586 |
| 3 | 38,443 | 3,204 | 740 |
| 4 | 46,435 | 3,870 | 893 |
| 5 | 54,427 | 4,536 | 1,047 |
| 6 | 62,419 | 5,202 | 1,201 |
| 7 | 70,411 | 5,868 | 1,355 |
| 8 | 78,403 | 6,534 | 1,508 |
| For each additional household member, add: | +7,992 | +666 | +154 |

Households that participate in the following means tested programs also meet the *income* requirement for the Brown Bag: SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), AFDC, WIC, Welfare, Medicaid (MassHealth), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Head Start, Fuel Assistance or Veteran’s Aid. (*SSDI and Medicare are NOT INCLUDED in these means tested programs.*) All individuals must also meet the *age* requirement to participate in the Brown Bag program.

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