

BROWN BAG: FOOD FOR ELDERS

 ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

## July 1, 2021

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**

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| ***# of Household Members*** | ***Annual*** | ***Monthly*** | ***Weekly*** |
| **1** | 23,828 | 1,986 | 459 |
| **2** | 32,227 | 2,686 | 620 |
| **3** | 40,626 | 3,386 | 782 |
| **4** | 49,025 | 4,086 | 943 |
| **5** | 57,424 | 4,786 | 1,105 |
| **6** | 65,823 | 5,486 | 1,266 |
| **7** | 74,222 | 6,186 | 1,428 |
| **8** | 82,621 | 6,886 | 1,589 |
| **For each additional household member, add:** | +8,399 | +700 | +162 |

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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