

BROWN BAG: FOOD FOR ELDERS

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

## July 1, 2022

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** | 25,142 | 2,096 | 484 |
| **2** | 33,874 | 2,823 | 652 |
| **3** | 42,606 | 3,551 | 820 |
| **4** | 51,338 | 4,279 | 988 |
| **5** | 60,070 | 5,006 | 1,156 |
| **6** | 68,802 | 5,734 | 1,324 |
| **7** | 77,534 | 6,462 | 1,492 |
| **8** | 86,266 | 7,189 | 1,659 |
| **For each additional household member, add:** | +8,732 | +728 | +168 |

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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