

# FOOD BANK OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

## BROWN BAG: FOOD FOR ELDERS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES March, 2024

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

<b># of Household Members</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
<b>1</b>	\$2,510
<b>2</b>	\$3,407
<b>3</b>	\$4,303
<b>4</b>	\$5,200
<b>5</b>	\$6,097
<b>6</b>	\$6,993
<b>7</b>	\$7,890
<b>8</b>	\$8,787
<b>For each additional household member, add:</b>	<b>+897</b>

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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