

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. This year, the application period is October 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. To apply for LIHEAP in Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, or Somerset County, please contact NORWESCAP Energy Services.

To be eligible for LIHEAP benefits, the applicant household must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent; and have gross income below 200% of the federal poverty level. The chart below gives specific monthly gross income maximums for FFY 2014. Persons who live in public housing and/or receive rental assistance are not eligible unless they pay for their own heating/cooling costs directly to the fuel supplier. The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region.

Please Note: The FFY 2014 LIHEAP application is also an application for the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Universal Service Fund (USF). You can apply for three energy benefit programs at the same time. The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free comprehensive energy conservation improvements to reduce residential heat loss and energy consumption. USF is a program created by the State of New Jersey to help make natural gas and electric bills more affordable for low-income households. If you are eligible, USF can lower the amount you pay for natural gas and electricity. To be eligible, a household must meet the income guidelines (listed below), and pay more than 3% of its annual income for electric, or more than 3% for natural gas. If a household has electric heat, it must spend more than 6% of its annual income on electricity to be eligible. For more helpful information about USF, call toll-free 1-866-240-1347.

For further information contact NORWESCAP Energy Services. Additional information about LIHEAP and USF, including an application, is also available at www.energyassistance.nj.gov and www.norwescap.org.

MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS - FFY 2014					
<u>Weatherization Assistance Program</u> 200% of the Federal Poverty Level		<u>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</u> 200% of the Federal Poverty Level		<u>Universal Service Fund</u> 175% of the Federal Poverty Level	
Household Size	Annual Gross Income	Household Size	Monthly Gross Income	Household Size	Monthly Gross Income
1	\$22,980.00	1	\$1,915.00	1	\$1,676.00
2	\$31,020.00	2	\$2,585.00	2	\$2,262.00
3	\$39,060.00	3	\$3,255.00	3	\$2,849.00
4	\$47,100.00	4	\$3,925.00	4	\$3,435.00
5	\$55,140.00	5	\$4,595.00	5	\$4,021.00
6	\$63,180.00	6	\$5,265.00	6	\$4,607.00
7	\$71,220.00	7	\$5,935.00	7	\$5,194.00
8	\$79,260.00	8	\$6,605.00	8	\$5,780.00
9	\$83,280.00	9	\$7,275.00	9	\$6,366.00
10	\$87,300.00	10	\$7,478.00	10	\$6,952.00
11	\$91,320.00	11	\$7,634.00	11	\$7,539.00
12	\$95,340.00	12	\$7,789.00	12	\$8,125.00
Note: To determine eligibility for household sizes greater than 12, add \$4,020.00 to each additional member.		Note: To determine eligibility for household sizes greater than 12, add \$156 to each additional member.		Note: To determine eligibility for household sizes greater than 12, add \$586 to each additional member.	