



## BROWN BAG: FOOD FOR ELDERS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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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

# of Household Members	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	20,665	1,723	398
2	27,991	2,333	539
3	35,317	2,944	680
4	42,643	3,554	821
5	49,969	4,165	961
6	57,295	4,775	1,102
7	64,621	5,386	1,243
8	71,947	5,996	1,384
<b>For Each Additional Person, ADD</b>	+ 7,326	+ 611	+ 141

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.