How to check if you're eligible for a Fee Waiver:

- **Step 1: Household Size** – provide the number of people living in the house, this includes all household members.

- **Step 2: Household Income –** include ALL members of your household who receive wages, public aid, unemployment, child support, Social Security, Social Security Disability, etc. For example, include:
  - If your parents live with you and they receive Social Security or a pension
  - If your student or other adult children who live with you are working
  - If you are living with other adults, their wages, public aid, Social Security benefits, etc.

- **Step 3: Look at the table in the next slide:** Find the row that indicates your household size then follow the column for your income. If the income is at or below the dollar amount shown, you may submit a fee waiver application.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the following income guidelines for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

Income Eligibility Guidelines Effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026											
	Free Meals 130% Federal Poverty Guideline						Reduced-Price Meals 185% Federal Poverty Guideline				
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,345	1,696	848	783	392	1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529	2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667	3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804	4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942	5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079	6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217	7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354	8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
For each additional family member, add	7,150	596	298	275	138	For each additional family member, add	10,175	848	424	392	196

The following is the definition of income:

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.