



BROWN BAG ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
 Effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

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	20,036	1,670	386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317
For Each Additional Person, ADD	+ 6,919	+ 577	+ 134

Households that participate in the following means tested programs also meet the *income* requirement for the Brown Bag: Food Stamps, TANF, 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.*) These individuals must also meet the *age* requirement to participate in the Brown Bag program.