

## 2003 Poverty Guidelines\*

### Minimum Income Requirement For Use in Completing Form I-864

**For the 48 Contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,  
the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam:**

<u>Sponsor's Household Size</u>	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child.	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors
2	\$12,120	\$15,150
3	15,260	19,075
4	18,400	23,000
5	21,540	26,925
6	24,680	30,850
7	27,820	34,775
8	30,960	38,700
	Add \$3,140 for each additional person.	Add \$3,925 for each additional person.

<u>Sponsor's Household Size</u>	<u>For Alaska</u>		<u>For Hawaii</u>	
	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors	<u>100% of Poverty Line</u> For sponsors on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who are petitioning for their spouse or child	<u>125% of Poverty Line</u> For all other sponsors
2	\$15,140	\$18,925	\$13,940	\$17,425
3	19,070	23,837	17,550	21,937
4	23,000	28,750	21,160	26,450
5	26,930	33,662	24,770	30,962
6	30,860	38,575	28,380	35,475
7	34,790	43,487	31,990	39,987
8	38,720	48,400	35,600	44,500
	Add \$3,930 for each additional person.	Add \$4,912 for each additional person.	Add \$3,610 for each additional person.	Add \$4,512 for each additional person.

### Means-tested Public Benefits

**Federal Means-tested Public Benefits.** To date, Federal agencies administering benefit programs have determined that Federal means-tested public benefits include Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

**State Means-tested Public Benefits.** Each State will determine which, if any, of its public benefits are means-tested. If a State determines that it has programs which meet this definition, it is encouraged to provide notice to the public on which programs are included. Check with the State public assistance office to determine which, if any, State assistance programs have been determined to be State means-tested public benefits.

**Programs Not Included:** The following Federal and State programs are *not* included as means-tested benefits: emergency Medicaid; short-term, non-cash emergency relief; services provided under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts; immunizations and testing and treatment for communicable diseases; student assistance under the Higher Education Act and the Public Health Service Act; certain forms of foster-care or adoption assistance under the Social Security Act; Head Start Programs; means-tested programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and Job Training Partnership Act programs.

\* These poverty guidelines remain in effect for use with the Form I-864 Affidavit of Support from April 1, 2003 until new poverty guidelines go into effect in the Spring of 2004.