

Participation fees support the operations of 4-H including (but not limited to) telephone, computer purchases, travel expenses and member awards. No state or federal funds are provided to 4-H for operations. The Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program has a participation fee of \$40.00 annually. This form provides you with a process for families to request a partial or full waiver of the annual participation fee. Note that individuals are not enrolled as members until the request for waiver is approved and/or the fee or half of fee is paid.

To request a full fee waiver:

- To qualify for a full fee waiver, the family’s gross income must be at or below the income guidelines established by the federal government for eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch in public schools (see chart below). The guidelines are set at 185% of the federal poverty level. To request a full waiver, you must do one of the following:
 - If you have a SNAP ID, supply your ID number in the space indicated on the Member Enrollment Form OR
 - Provide written documentation of family income (pay stub or W-2 and number of family members) OR
 - Provide written documentation of financial hardship (i.e., layoff notice).

To request a half fee waiver:

- A request must be submitted in writing to the 4-H educator. The request must contain a detailed explanation of the financial hardship.

Please note the information supplied to the local educator is held in strict confidence. The family requesting any waiver will be informed of the status of their request by the 4-H educator. Once that is received, the family can complete their 4-H member application and payment if any.

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Monthly	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Each Add'l Family Member Add	+8,732	+728	+364	+336	+168

Important information about enrollment deadlines:

- Full waivers are available to re-enrolling members from Sept. 1 – December 31: no full waivers allowed for re-enrolling members after December 31.
- After December 31 the fee to re-enroll in 4-H is \$40 and only half waivers may be granted to re- enrolling members.



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