

Wayne County Department of Social Services



Low income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

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VULNERABILITY

To be eligible, a household must be vulnerable at the time of application. A household is vulnerable if it is subject to rising cost of heating, has a heat source and is billed separately for the heat expense. Accept the applicant's statement about the vulnerability status for the household.

1. If a household lives in a private living arrangement and it has a heat source and heat costs are billed separately, it is fully vulnerable. **SHOULD APPLY**, if meets other criteria
2. If a household lives in public housing where heat costs are billed separately from the rent, it is fully vulnerable. **SHOULD APPLY**, if meets other criteria
3. An applicant who lives in a private living arrangement who does ☐ receive a separate bill from the energy provider is not vulnerable. **SHOULD NOT APPLY**, does not qualify
4. A household in public housing where heating costs are included in the rent is ☐ vulnerable. This includes households whose rent is increased to cover excess heating costs. This also includes individuals who have paid excess for heating in the last twelve (12) months. For additional verification of a heating arrangement in public housing, contact the local public housing authority. **SHOULD NOT APPLY**, does not qualify.
5. A person living in an institution is ☐ vulnerable. **SHOULD NOT APPLY**, does not qualify.

NOTE: Receipt of a utility allowance does not affect vulnerability status. Section 8 households are considered in a private living arrangement.

LIEAP

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families pay their heating expense.

ALL payments are made directly to the utility company or provider.

Who must be included?

Everyone who lives at the same residence must be included in the LIEAP application unless it is known to be a boarding house or contain separate apartment. If it is a known boarding house or separate apartment with a separate heat source, there must be a written or lease agreement.

Social Security Numbers

A valid social security number is required, when available, for each household member.

Citizenship Requirement

A household must include at least one: U. S. citizen, **or** Eligible alien.

Is there a Resource Limit?

- \$2,250 or less as of the date of the application. (Bank accounts, cash on hand, Funds in a retirement account that are accessible (such as 401K, NC State Retirement, etc.)

Income Limits

Income limits as of July 1, 2017.

Household Size	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,307
2	1,759
3	2,212
4	2,665
5	3,118

What Do I Need To Bring to the Interview? (Bring any of the items below that apply to your situation.)

1. Social Security number for every household member
2. Account number for heating utility bill
3. Proof of income
 - a. Award letters
 - b. Check stubs received during month prior to application

Special Provisions for Waiving the Office Interview

- An applicant may complete interviews by telephone if no member of the household is able to come to the agency or if the household does not have someone who can serve as an authorized representative. The date of application is the date the application is received in the agency. NOTE: Eligibility is based on funding availability.

Application Dates

1. Elderly population age 60 and above and disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. LIEAP application taking for these households is December 1st through December 31st or until funds are exhausted. Disabled persons are defined as receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability.

2. Any household can potentially receive benefits from January 1st through March 31st or until funds are exhausted, if all eligibility requirements are met.

Where will Applications be Taken?

1. Wayne County Herman Park Center, 901 Ash St. Goldsboro, NC
Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Runs through March 31, 2018 or until funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.