



CHEROKEE TRIBAL FOODS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



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Updated Guidelines for Eligibility 10/1/25 thru 9/30/26

Income Deductions:

- 20% (.20 x gross income)
- Utility (\$744)
- Medical (Costs >\$35)
- Paid Child Support
- Dependent Care Expenses
- Home Care Meal-Related Deduction (\$298)

Gross Income (20% Deduction)

- Paid Weekly - Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income before 20% deduction
- Paid Bi-Weekly - Gross amount of check x 2.15 = gross monthly income before 20% deduction

Certification Periods

- Zero Income (little chance of change) - every 3 to 6 months
- Zero Income (frequent changes in income) - every 1 to 2 months
- Stable (non-changing income) - 12 months
- Elderly/Disabled (fixed income) - up to 24 months
- Self-employed - recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income

Household Size

(Net Monthly Income Standards)

1 -	\$1514
2 -	\$1972
3 -	\$2430
4 -	\$2903
5 -	\$3399
6 -	\$3895
7 -	\$4354
8 -	\$4812

Each additional member +\$459

EBCI Per Capita, Per Capita Loans, and EBCI Genwell distributions are not considered income at this time.

Please contact us for any questions and detailed eligibility information. Sgi!

Our Mission: Providing nutritious food, resources, support, and guidance to eliminate hunger for eligible participants in a caring and culturally supportive environment.