



2018 Household Income Requirements The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Financial Assistance Programs

To be eligible for any of the LLS financial assistance programs you must “have a household income that is at or below 500 percent of the U.S. federal poverty level guidelines as adjusted by the Cost of Living Index (COLI).”

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

An income threshold that varies by family size, which outlines the estimated minimum income required for a household to buy such things as food, clothing and shelter. (See chart below).

Cost-of-Living Index (COLI)

Cost of living is the amount of money needed to sustain a certain level of living, including basic expenses such as housing, food, taxes and health care. Cost of living is often used to compare how expensive it is to live in one city versus another. In areas where living costs are high, lower-income households must spend a larger portion of their income on necessities, and thus have less discretionary income. Cost of living varies widely across the United States.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines adapted scale, below, is to be used as a reference tool only. It does not guarantee income eligibility or approval for LLS financial assistance programs.

LLS assists families whose income is at or below 500% the FPL and considers the family’s COLI when determining their financial eligibility. LLS will factor in your COLI at the time of application by using your zip code. Do not hesitate to apply.

Persons in Family or Household	If you live in 48 Contiguous States, Puerto Rico or D.C.	If you live in Alaska	If you live in Hawaii
	Your household income must be at or below	Your household income must be at or below	Your household income must be at or below
1	\$60,700	\$75,900	\$69,800
2	\$82,300	\$102,900	\$94,650
3	\$103,900	\$129,900	\$119,500
4	\$125,500	\$156,900	\$144,350
5	\$147,100	\$183,900	\$169,200
6	\$168,700	\$210,000	\$194,050
7	\$190,300	\$237,900	\$218,900
8	\$211,900	\$264,900	\$243,750
For each additional person add	\$4,320	\$5,400	\$4,970

SOURCE: Federal Register, January 18, 2018
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>