

Determining if you're a low-income student

You may qualify as low-income if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You qualify for Federal Financial Aid, Federal Work Study, or other need-based aid
- You receive a SBCTC Tuition Waiver
- You or your parents/guardians are on TANF (State Aid) or SNAP (Federal Food Stamp Program)
- You qualify for the CAMP and/or TRiO programs
- You are living on your own and/or supporting yourself or a family but you are not yet 24

You can also use the Federal poverty level household income or check the table below:

Federal TRiO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels¹

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,090	\$22,590	\$20,790
2	\$24,360	\$30,435	\$28,005
3	\$30,630	\$38,280	\$35,220
4	\$36,900	\$46,125	\$42,435
5	\$43,170	\$53,970	\$49,650
6	\$49,440	\$61,815	\$56,865
7	\$55,710	\$69,660	\$64,080
8	\$61,980	\$77,505	\$71,295

Effective **January 31, 2017** until further notice.

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$6,270 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and outlying jurisdictions; \$7,845 for Alaska; and \$7,215 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

¹ <https://www2.ed.gov/print/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the [Federal Register](#) on January 31, 2017.