

WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) is available to help low and moderate income households with heating and electric expenses. WHEAP is a one-time benefit payment for each heating season. The heating season is from October 1, 2019 to May 15, 2020. The benefit is intended to help pay a portion of the heating costs and is not intended to cover the entire annual cost of the home heating bill. The amount of the heating assistance benefit depends on the household size, income level and household heating costs.

You may be eligible if your gross income for the last three months is less than the amount shown below for your family size.

Family Size	3 Month Family Income*
1	\$ 7,168.25
2	\$ 9,374.00
3	\$11,579.50
4	\$13,785.25
5	\$15,991.00
6	\$18,196.50
7	\$18,610.00
8	\$19,023.75

(*If your three-month family income exceeds the amounts listed above, you may still be eligible if all of the household members are recipients of either W2/TANF, FoodShare or SSI for each of the preceding three months)

The following items are needed for verification when completing the application process: Social Security Cards (or official documents showing the social security number) for all household members, verification of heating and electric costs for your dwelling for the previous 12 month period (heating and electric vendors names, account numbers & names on accounts), proof of all household income from all sources for the three months prior to the month of the date of application (examples include pay stubs, printout from employers, bank statements showing Veteran Administration benefits if receiving a V.A. pension or V. A. compensation, tax forms, 12-month interest and dividend income statements). Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit Sharing Plans, IRA's, etc., must be verified by providing a copy of your most recent 1099-R or by providing a monthly benefit statement which shows what the gross monthly distribution received is. Social Security or SSI income must be verified with a current benefit statement from your local Social Security Office or by providing your most recent -SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit statement.

Both Seniors and Non-Seniors of Ashland County may apply or pick-up applications at the Ashland County Health & Human Services Department, 630 Sanborn Avenue, Ashland, WI or by calling 715-682-7004 between 7:30am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. Walk-ins will also be accepted on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with May 6, 2020 being the last walk-in day.

Amy M. Janecek, Ashland County Elder Benefit Specialist, will also be assisting people over the age of 60 in completing applications. Please contact Amy at 715-682-4414 Ext. 2 to schedule an appointment. Amy will be at the following outreach sites for Ashland County and will be distributing applications to non-seniors and will be assisting people over the age of 60 with completion of their applications. If you are not able to apply in person at any of the listed outreach locations, home visits can be arranged.

Ashland County Outreach Sites

Sanborn – Sanborn United Methodist Church	1st Monday of the month	9am - Noon
Mellen- Senior Citizen’s Center	2nd Monday of the month	9am – Noon
Butternut-Brookside Apartments	3rd Monday of the month	9am - Noon
Glidden-Senior Community Center	4th Monday of the month	9am – Noon