

## FY 2016 INCOME GUIDELINES

(60 Percent of Estimated State Median Income)

Number of People in the Household	Income Per Year	Income Per Month
1	\$20,251.00	\$1,688.00
2	\$26,482.00	\$2,207.00
3	\$32,713.00	\$2,727.00
4	\$38,944.00	\$3,246.00
5	\$45,176.00	\$3,765.00
6	\$51,407.00	\$4,284.00
7	\$52,575.00	\$4,382.00
8	\$53,743.00	\$4,479.00
9	\$54,912.00	\$4,576.00
10	\$56,080.00	\$4,674.00

Bi-weekly: **Multiply bi-weekly earnings X 26 pay periods = \$\_\_\_ per year, then divide by 12 to get monthly earnings**

Weekly: **Earnings X 52 pay periods = \$\_\_\_ per year, then divide by 12 to get**

Maximum Benefit for:

**Gas & Electric - \$500**

**Firewood - 5 ricks - \$200**

**Propane - \$600**

### Check-List

- ✓ Proof of Indian Descent (CDIB or Membership Card)
- ✓ Proof of income for every person in the home age 18 to 60 (copy of checks or check stubs, bank statement, letter signed by employer, or copy of letter from Social Security, or DHS, or VA, etc.)
- ✓ Unemployed household members age 18 to 60 must provide proof they are a student, or proof of seeking a job (employment card, employment agency form or note, etc.)
- ✓ Copy of Social Security Cards for everyone in the home
- ✓ Copy of the bill from the utility company you need payment sent to. The copy of the bill is to verify your billing address and account number. To avoid service termination, applicant needs to keep bills paid till LIHEAP department determines eligibility and processes payment.
- ✓ If disabled, provide documented proof of disability (doctor's statement, disability check, or copy of Public Assistance letter.)

# Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

Characteristics of Applicant Household

Point Matrix System Formula for Determination of Benefits

**Point Value = \$10.00 per Point** (total points may not exceed 50 for a maximum benefit amount of \$500.00, with the exception of propane for which total points may not exceed 60 for a maximum benefit of \$600.00)

Maximum benefit level per household to be determined with reference to the Point Matrix Formula (actual maximum benefit amount will depend upon the Tribe's total LIHEAP grant allocation amount and the number of applications, and may be adjusted under those conditions.)

Refer to each box (1 through 4) for calculation of total benefit level for each household. Not to exceed 50 total points (60 if fuel type is propane)

## Base Level Points

Per household (poverty point) .....	1
Per minor child .....	1

## Income Level Points

Income per year	Points
Under \$2,000 .....	6
\$2,000 - \$3,999 .....	5
\$4,000 - \$5,999 .....	4
\$6,000 - \$7,999 .....	3
\$8,000 - \$9,999 .....	2
\$10,000 - \$11,999 .....	1
\$12,000 - \$14,999 .....	0
\$15,000 & over .....	0

## Points for Fuel Type

Fuel type	Points
LP Gas (Propane) .....	6
Electric .....	5
Firewood .....	0
Natural Gas .....	5

## Vulnerability Points *(Total may not exceed 50 or if propane 60)*

Choctaw Nation's LIHEA Program recognizes vulnerable households as categorically eligible and prioritizes them for services. The factors employed by the Point Matrix System formula provides the flexibility to match energy assistance to energy need, incorporating variables and calculations that assure increased levels of assistance to the neediest households.

Defining the neediest of the needy as high burden households containing vulnerable members, including:

Elderly (60 years or older) in household .....	50
Minor Child (under the age of 18) .....	50
Disabled in household (must have documented verification) .....	50
Pregnant member in household (must have Dr. or WIC statement) .....	50
Ill or injured member in household (must have Dr.'s statement) .....	50
Unemployed member w/dependents in household (must prove seeking employment) .....	50
Single Parent household w/minor child .....	50
Deposit or Cutoff notice w/minor child in household .....	50