**Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma**

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Benefit Point System**

With the point system below, the Pawnee Nation will be able to grant the highest level of assistance to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs while taking into consideration the special conditions variable.

Points are determined based on the following chart:

Variable Schedule Points

Base Points Eligible households 5

Income Level Under $10,000 4

10,000 to 15,000 3

15,000 to 20,000 2

20,000 to 25,000 1

Over 25,000 0

Household size 1 - 3 persons 1

4 - 6 persons 2

7 - 9 persons 3

10 + persons 4

Fuel Type Oil, Kerosene, Propane 2

Natural Gas, Coal, Wood, or

Municipal Electric Heat 1

\*\*Special Conditions\*\* 1

Physically Impaired

Elderly (60 yrs or older) Children (6 yrs or younger)

\*\*Due to the relative immobility of the physically impaired and the susceptibility of vulnerable populations, including elderly and young children, the temperature required for a comfortable living environment is much higher than those households without handicapped, elderly, or children. As a result, energy expenses are much higher than that of other households.

Application Process

The following must be turned in before it can be reviewed to determine if participants are eligible:

v' Completed Energy Assistance Application

v' Proof of Residency (utility bill with current mailing address)

v' Proof of Income (Copy of check stub or check)

v' Certificate Degree of Indian Blood

v' Second form of Identification (i.e. driver’s license, social security card)

v' Proof of identification for household members (i.e. driver’s license, social security card, or CDIB).

The bill that the participant is requesting assistance for must be attached. If the participant has a cut off notice, the notice must also be attached to the bill.

**The maximum assistance for all eligible applicants is $200.00 during the FFY 2017, unless applicant is elderly, handicap, has children in the home, or qualifies for crisis assistance, then maximum amount of assistance is $250.00.**

Income Calculation:

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| Frequency of Income | Calculation of Income |
| Monthly | Multiply Monthly Rate x 12 |
| Full-time/Hourly | Multiply Hourly Rate x 2080 |
| Part-time/Hourly | Prorate # of hours for pay period then multiply x hourly rate |
| Weekly or Bi-Weekly | Weekly Rate x 52 Bi-Weekly Rate x 26 |