

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)

Pending availability of funding, Georgia's regular Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will open at 8:00 a.m. on November 1 for homebound and elderly households (all adults age 65 or over) and households where all adults are disabled. Households with individuals who have life-threatening medical conditions *and* who are in danger of imminent cut-off of their heating source may also apply. The program provides financial assistance to low-income households to help defray their home heating costs.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legally admitted aliens. Households participating in the program must meet income criteria and be responsible for the cost of heating their homes. To be eligible, households must have an income equal to or less than 60% of Georgia's state median income guidelines: \$21,029 annually for a one-person household; \$27,500 for two persons; \$33,970 for three persons; \$40,441 for four persons; \$46,912 for five persons; \$53,382 for six persons; \$54,595 for seven persons; \$55,809 for eight persons; and for each additional person add \$1,213.

Interested individuals or those who look after the interest of elderly or homebound individuals ***must call*** the Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) in their county of residence to place their name on the applicant list. NSC business hours will be 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the duration of this program. Clients will be assisted on a first come, first served basis. ***Do not go to the NSC. It is required that you call and place your name on the list for an appointment time for an application to be completed.***

1. Applicants must provide a valid form of picture identification.
2. Applicants should also provide proof of income for all household members for the last 30 days. This may be a paycheck stub or a letter granting public assistance, Social Security, or unemployment benefits.
3. Applicants must also provide valid Social Security cards for all household members and their most recent utility or fuel bill. Households whose fuel costs are included in their rent are ineligible for assistance.

If funds are available, the program will open to the general public at 8:00 a.m. on December 2 on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must apply by phone and will not be allowed to apply in person.

CALL WORTH COUNTY NSC AT 229-776-4851.