



ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS APPLICATION JULY 2018 – MARCH 2019

Ohio's Energy Assistance Programs can help income eligible Ohioans manage their utility bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and emergency HEAP provide the benefit directly to a customer's utility bill. The Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) is an extended payment plan in which customers pay a percentage of their income toward their utility bill each month. If you are looking to improve the energy efficiency of your home, the Home Weatherization Assistance Program or Electric Partnership Program can help. Visit energy.development.ohio.gov to find your local provider.

You can apply for the Energy Assistance Programs by completing this application and mailing it in or by scheduling an appointment at your local Energy Assistance Provider or by visiting energyhelp.ohio.gov and completing the application online. Please note if you mail in your application, it can take 12 to 16 weeks to process.

If you are applying for PIPP for the first time you must visit your local Energy Assistance Provider.

Here's what you'll need to complete this application:

- Proof of citizenship for each household member
• Copies of your recent utility bills
• Proof of income for each adult household member for the previous 30 days or 12 months
• Disability verification (if applicable)

A household is defined as anyone living under one roof, with the same address and utility service. All persons who share a common kitchen and bath are considered members of the same household and must apply on one application. If you live in federally subsidized housing and have a utility bill in your name, you may be eligible for assistance. A copy of the utility bill or documentation of responsibility (example: copy of your rental agreement/lease or signed letter from your landlord) is required. Residents of any licensed medical facility (hospital, skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility) or publicly operated community residence (example: YMCA) are not eligible. Boarding/rooming houses, group homes or emergency shelters are not eligible for payment assistance.

If eligible, the HEAP benefit amount will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income and the main fuel used. In most cases, benefits are applied directly to the energy bill by the utility company. If you are reverifying your PIPP amount, it will be based on either 10% or 6% of your total household income for the past 30 days, depending on your heating source.

These are the programs you can apply for with this application:

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
• Reverification of Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP)

2018-2019 Income Guidelines

Table with 3 columns: Size of Household, Total Gross Annual Household Income (150%), and Total Gross Annual Household Income (175%). Rows 1-8 show income ranges for different household sizes.

When determining 150% of federal poverty guidelines, households with more than eight members must add \$6,480 to the yearly income or \$640 to the 30-day income for each additional member. When determining 175% of federal poverty guidelines, households with more than eight members must add \$7,560 to the yearly income or \$630 to the 30-day income for each additional member.

How can I check the status of my application?

To check the status of your application, please visit energyhelp.ohio.gov and create an account.

If you have questions, please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider or call 1-800-282-0880 or 1-614-644-6600. TDD hearing impaired only: 711 or send us a message by visiting energyhelp.ohio.gov and click "contact us".