

## I-864P - HHS Poverty Guidelines for Affidavit of Support

### Overview:

Form I-864P provides the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines that are used to determine whether a sponsor meets the income requirements to submit Form I-864, Affidavit of Support. These guidelines are updated annually and are a key part of family-based immigration.

### Purpose:

To ensure that the sponsor has sufficient income to support the intending immigrant and prevent them from becoming a public charge.

### Who Needs to Use I-864P:

- U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents petitioning for relatives
- Joint sponsors or household members whose income is being included on Form I-864 or I-864A

### How the Guidelines Work:

- The required income level depends on:
  - Household size (including the sponsor, dependents, and intending immigrants)
  - Whether the sponsor is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
  - Whether the sponsor is petitioning for a spouse or child

### Income Requirements:

- Sponsors must typically earn at least 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- If the sponsor is on active duty and petitioning for a spouse or child, the requirement is 100% of the guideline.

2024 HHS Poverty Guidelines (48 contiguous states and D.C.):

(These figures are updated annually by USCIS. Check the latest version at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-864p>)

Household Size | Minimum Income (125%)

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1	\$15,000 (example only)
2	\$20,000
3	\$25,000
4	\$30,000

(Add \$5,000 for each additional person)

For Alaska and Hawaii:

- Higher thresholds apply due to cost-of-living differences.
- Example: Household of 4 in Alaska may require ~\$38,000

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Determine Household Size:
  - Include yourself, spouse, dependent children, any dependents listed on taxes, the immigrant(s), and any co-sponsors.
2. Check the Latest I-864P Guidelines:
  - Visit <https://www.uscis.gov/i-864p>
3. Compare Your Income:
  - Review your current income (adjusted gross income on IRS tax returns or pay stubs)

- Ensure it meets or exceeds the minimum for your household size

#### 4. Use Joint Sponsors if Needed:

- If your income is not sufficient, find a joint sponsor who meets the income threshold

#### Important Notes:

- Do not submit Form I-864P with your application. It is a reference document only.
- Always use the most recent version published on USCIS website.

#### Tips:

- Consider including assets if income falls short (must be 5x the shortfall)
- Use tax transcripts as supporting evidence
- Consult an immigration attorney for close or complicated cases