NYC Benefits Screening Chart

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Program Name & Type		Income	Expenses	Unemployed	Household Size	Dependent of Benefits or Income	Type	Blind/Has Disabilities	Relationship	Student	Pregnant	Veteran	Type of Building	Rent/Own
Cash & Expenses	**Age / Population**	**Finances**			**Conditions**							**Housing**		
Cash Assistance	18 and older							1	2					
Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit	Families with children under 13		10					1						
Child Tax Credit	Household with a member under 18							1						
Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)	18 and older					3								9
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	25 and older, under 65, unless you have a child													
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	18 and older		11											
School Tax Relief (STAR)	No age requirement													9
Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)	65 and older													9
Unemployment Insurance	No age requirement			8										
Veterans' Property Tax Exemption	No age requirement													9
Cooling Assistance Benefit	No age requirement		11											
Fair Fares	18 and older, under 65													
NYC Free Tax Prep	No age requirement													
Lifeline	No age requirement					4								
Financial Empowerment Centers	18 and older													
Child Care														
EarlyLearn	Child is at least 6 weeks old and younger than 5, or child is younger than 18 if blind or disabled.							1						
Head Start	Child is 2 years and 9 months and older, under 5.							1						
Child Care Voucher	Child or step child or other person who is 12 and younger, Child or step child who is blind or disabled, age 18 and under and student , or Other person (not child or step child) who is blind or disabled and age 18 and under							1						
City ID Card														
IDNYC	10 and older													
Education														
Pre-K for All	Child is 4 by end of current year							1						
3-K for All	Child is 3 by end of current year							1						
Enrichment														
Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC)	5 and older, under 21													
Family Services														
Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)	10 and older, under 65					18				18				
NYC Nurse-Family Partnership (NYC NFP)	Up to 28th week of pregnancy, and for first child									13				
NYC NY Connects	No age requirement	20				20								
Food														
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	60 and older													
SchoolFood	under 22													
Community Meals	under 19													
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	No age requirement		6			7								

Annotations Key

This type of information is considered in the screening.

These specific factors are considered in the screening.

1 Children living in the household

2 18+ year old children living in the home who are students or full-time students

3 Supplemental Security Income; Social Security Disability Benefits

4 Receiving Cash Assistance, Child Support, Social Security Survivor's Benefit, SSI, and/or unemployment benefit, Veterans Pension, Disability related Medicaid

5 Includes foster children

6 Dependent Care Cost, Child Support, Rent or Mortgage, Medical Expenses

7 Supplemental Security Income or Cash Assistance

20 Receiving Disability related Medicaid

These specific factors are required for potential eligibility in the screening.

8 Worked in the last 18 months

9 A homeowner

10 Child care or dependent care costs

11 Heating Bill

12 Primary renter with name on lease

13 Pregnant

14 Must have proof of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Benefits or Veterans Pension/Benefits for NYS Disability Benefits or Disability Related Medicaid

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Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Children under 5							5						
Health														
Health Insurance Assistance	18 and older													
Medicaid for Pregnant Women	Pregnant & new parents													
Home Care Services Program (HCSP)	No age requirement					18								
COVID-19 Vaccines	5 and older													
Housing														
Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)	18 and older						14					16	12	
Section 8 Housing	18 and older													
Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)	62 and older											16	12	
Public Housing	18 and older													
Work														
Learn & Earn (formerly In-school Youth Employment (ISY))	14 and older, under 21					4		5						
NYCHA Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES)	18 and older											15		
Senior Employment Services (SES)	55 and older													
Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)	14 and older, under 25													
Workforce1	18 and older													
Train & Earn	16 and older, under 25													

Annotations Key

15 A Housing Authority resident

16 A resident of these housing types: Rent-stabilized or Rent Controlled; Housing Development Fund Company (HDFC) Cooperative; Mitchell-Llama; Section 213 Cooperative

These specific factors are disqualifying for potential eligibility in the screening.

18 Medicaid or Family Health Plus Recipient

19 Are currently pregnant