

## SECTION 3 - FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

### 4300 CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

#### 4310 PA AND SSI HOUSEHOLDS

Households in which all members are included in a federal public assistance or SSI grant, except those SSI participants discussed in subparagraph 3412, above, automatically meet resource and income eligibility requirements for the Food Distribution Program. Therefore, the State or local agency shall not test any of the resources or incomes of the households against the Food Distribution resource and income standards.

#### 4320 GA HOUSEHOLDS

Households in which all members are included in an FNS approved general assistance grant (see subparagraph 3221, above) or a combination of GA, PA, and SSI grants, automatically meet resource and income eligibility requirements for Food Distribution. The State or local agency shall not test any of the resources or incomes of these households against the Food Distribution resource and income standards.

#### 4330 NONASSISTANCE HOUSEHOLDS

The State or local agency shall test the resources and incomes of all households, in which one or more members do not participate in PA, SSI and/or GA grants, against the Food Distribution resource and income standards. Nonassistance households must meet the financial as well as the nonfinancial eligibility criteria in order to receive USDA commodities.

### - NOTE REGARDING CATERGORICIAL ELIGIBILITY

*Only those households where all members are receiving any one of, or combination of, the following benefits; Supplemental Security Income (SSI), General Assistance (GA), Public Assistance (PA), and Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), formerly, Aid to Dependent Children (AFDC),...are considered categorically eligible.*

*EXAMPLE: In those cases where the household's income was verified, and they were receiving SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, they would not be considered to be CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE.*

*Social Security is given to those persons who have worked and earned 40 quarters of credits. At retirement you are given a benefit based upon what you have earned. SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME is a "needs-based" program for the aged, blind, and disabled people who are unable to work. Therefore they would not have a work history or 40 quarters of credits to draw on.*