

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for programs funded by Lee County tax dollars must meet basic eligibility criteria:

- **Residency** - Applicants must have been a resident of Lee County for at least twelve weeks. Proof of intent to remain in Lee County must be verified by at least two of the following: State of Florida driver's license or identification card in effect for twelve weeks with a Lee County address; paycheck stubs or verification from employer indicating twelve weeks of employment; voter's registration card in effect for twelve weeks; utility bills indicating twelve weeks of residency; lease or verification from landlord indicating twelve weeks of residency; school enrollment forms indicating twelve weeks of enrollment.
- **Financial Crisis** - will need to show that the household has experienced a financial crisis due to an unexpected and temporary loss of income, or unforeseen expense.
- **Income (financial)** - Certain programs require the applicant to provide proof of financial "management" (the ability of your household income to pay your household expenses on a monthly basis). Furthermore, an applicant will not be eligible if they cannot prove enough income to be able to pay future expenses. This requirement may be waived for applicants in certain abuse or medical crisis situations; consult with an Eligibility Specialist to determine if an exemption applies.
- **Citizenship** - Applicants must be U.S. citizen or legally registered alien.
- **Age** - Residents must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Residents under eighteen (18) years of age must be legally emancipated minors, or married.