ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS APPLICATION 2014–2015

The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) offers several programs to income eligible Ohioans to assist in paying their utility bills and to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. This application provides information on the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Winter Crisis Program (WCP), Summer Crisis Program (SCP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus) and the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP).

- **HEAP** is an assistance program that provides a one-time benefit annually to your primary heating source account. For example, if you heat your home with a gas furnace, a credit will be provided to your gas bill. Complete this application to apply for HEAP or visit your local provider in person.

- **WCP** provides a one-time benefit annually to your primary heating source account. The benefit can be used by eligible households that are disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new service or pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel. The program can also assist with fuel tank placement, furnace repair, and can provide funds for the purchase of electric heaters. Visit your local provider in person to apply for the WCP.

- **SCP** provides a one-time benefit annually to your electric bill, and/or for the purchase of fans and air conditioners. Visit your local provider in person to apply for the SCP.

- **PIPP Plus** is an extended payment arrangement that requires regulated gas and electric companies to accept payments based on a percentage of the household income. Under Pipp Plus, if you heat with gas, you pay 6 percent of your monthly household income to your gas company and 6 percent to your electric company. If you heat with electricity, you pay 10 percent of your monthly household income. Enrollment can occur through this application for the following companies: American Electric Power (AEP), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Dayton Power and Light (DP&L), Dominion East Ohio Gas, Duke Energy, FirstEnergy Companies (Cleveland Illuminating Co., Ohio Edison, Toledo Edison) and Vectren. PIPP Plus is not available to customers of rural electric co-ops, municipal utilities or users of delivered fuels. The household must provide a copy of a current utility bill which should be in the name of the PIPP Plus applicant or a household member. Complete this application to apply for PIPP Plus or visit your local provider in person.

- **HWAP** is a residential energy efficiency program that reduces the energy use of qualified households. The types of assistance will be based on the home’s energy efficiency assessment. Visit your local provider in person to apply for the HWAP.

ELIGIBILITY

Household eligibility is based in part on income; see the next page for specific income guidelines for all programs. If eligible, the benefit amount will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, total household income and the primary fuel used. In most cases, benefits are applied directly to the energy bill by the utility company.

If you live in federally subsidized housing and have a utility bill in your name, you may be eligible for assistance. Residents of any licensed medical facility (hospital, skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility) or publicly operated community residence (example: YMCA) are ineligible. Boarding/rooming houses, group homes or emergency shelters are ineligible for payment assistance, but may be eligible for weatherization services. All persons who share a common kitchen and bath are considered members of the same household and must apply on one application.

Households with zero income are required to provide an IRS transcript. Visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript or call 1-800-908-9946 for assistance with IRS transcripts.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact us with questions regarding the Energy Assistance Programs, check the status of your application, or locate your local provider, you can reach us by email or telephone:

**Email:** energyhelp.ohio.gov and click “contact us”

**Telephone:** 1-800-282-0880 or 614-644-6600

**TTY hearing impaired only:** 1-800-686-1557 or 614-752-8808
CITIZENSHIP

Please provide proof of citizenship or alien status for all household members. Proof of citizenship or alien status is required for the primary applicant. If you are a United States citizen by birth, the verification you provide to show your age (birth certificate, baptismal record, U.S. Passport) will also provide verification of your citizenship status. However, if those documents were not used for proof of age or if you were born outside of the United States, are a naturalized citizen or an alien, you will need to provide one of the following items:

1. Naturalization Papers/Certifications of citizenship (INS Form I-179, INS Form I-197)
2. Permanent Visa
3. Birth Certificate/Hospital Birth Records
4. Refugee Registration Cards
5. U.S. Passport
6. INS ID Card
7. Baptismal Record (Only when place and date of birth is shown)
8. Military Service Records
9. Indian Census Record
10. Voter Registration Cards
11. Signed statement from a U.S. citizen which declares under penalties of perjury that individual in question is a U.S. citizen
12. Alien Registration Cards/Re-entry permits
13. INS Form I-151 or I-551 (Form I-151 will not be valid after August 1, 1993)
14. INS Form I-94 if annotated with either: a) Sections 203(a)(7), 207, 208, 212(d)(5), 243(h), or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; or b) One or a combination of the following terms: Refugee, Parolee, or Asylee
15. INS Form G-641, “Application for verification of Information from INS Records,” when annotated at bottom by INS representative as lawful admission for humanitarian reasons
16. Documentation that alien is classified pursuant to Sections: 101(a)(2), 203(a), 204(a)(1)(a), 207, 208, 212(d)(5), 241(b)(3), 243(h), or 244(a)(3), of the Immigration and Nationality Act
17. Court order stating that deportation has been withheld pursuant to Section 241(b)(3) or 243(h) or of the Immigration and Nationality Act
18. INS Form I-688
19. Verified citizenship for OWF Program

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

DISCLOSURE: The disclosure of Social Security numbers is mandatory to receive HEAP benefits.

AUTHORITY: 45 CFR 96.84 (c); 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(i)

USE: The state will use Social Security numbers in the administration of the HEAP to verify information supplied on the application to prevent, detect and correct fraud, waste, and abuse and for the purpose of responding to requests for information from agency programs funded by block grants to states for temporary assistance for needy families or agencies requesting information for child support or to establish paternity. The applicant may be held civilly or criminally liable under federal or state law for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements.
**PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION**

*Instructions for this section:*
Enter the information completely.

**YOU MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE**

**PRIMARY APPLICANT/UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDER (must live in the home)**

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1) How would your household prefer to be contacted?  
☐ Postal Mail  ☐ Email

2) Check the box that most closely describes the type of building in which you live. (Check only one)

☐ Mobile Home  ☐ Multi-family High-rise (4 stories or more)  ☐ Multi-family Low-rise (3 stories or less)  ☐ Single-Family

**INCOME SECTION**

*Instructions for this section:*

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.** Enter the information completely. Including yourself, list the names, relationships, Social Security number(s), date(s) of birth, and gross income of everyone living in your household. **Attach proof of income, disability and citizenship/alien status – see citizenship section.** Use a separate sheet if necessary. **Failure to provide the required income documents for at least the previous 90 days will delay the processing of your application.**

For the “Income Source” box, tell us how the income is earned. For the “Last 3 Mo.” and “Last 12 Mo.” boxes, follow these guidelines:

- Use only numbers
- Anyone younger than 18, write in “0” unless income is earned from SSI or SSDI
- Anyone 18 or older with no income, write in “0” and provide an explanation on the next page
- If you list a name, do not leave any of the boxes next to that name blank

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ZERO INCOME SELF-DECLARATION SECTION

Instructions for this section:
For individuals 18 or older listed above with zero income who are being supported by another household member, use this section to tell us who is providing support.

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Instructions for this section:
If you are receiving help paying your bills from a non-household member, list the name(s) and phone numbers(s) and include a signed letter from that person. The letter should state how much and how often the money is given, and if the money is given to you or paid to your creditors directly. Tell us the amount of each item and tell us how the bill is paid. You must tell us if the money provided is given as a loan or a gift.

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Explain how you are paying the following monthly expenses:

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Instructions for this section:
Use this section to total your gross household income, source of income, and check if you receive public assistance. Use this space to list other income related information you believe may be important to your application.

3) What was your total gross household income for the last 12 months?
4) ☐ yes ☐ no Do you receive Public Assistance? Case Number

5) INCOME SOURCE (Check the income source(s) for your household) DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED!

☐ Active Military Pay ☐ Interest ☐ Social Security ☐ TANF/DA ☐ VA Pension
☐ Child Support ☐ Pension ☐ SSDI ☐ Unemployment ☐ Wages
☐ Employment Disability ☐ Self Employment ☐ SSI ☐ VA Disability ☐ Workers’ Comp
☐ Other or No Income (List other income sources separately or explain how you pay your bills in the space below.
If necessary, use an additional, signed sheet. Also, specify if the amounts received are gifts or loans.) An IRS transcript will be required (see front page “Eligibility” section for instructions.)
UTILITY ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Instructions for this section:
Fill out this section completely, answering every question. Tell us your utility information including the name of your utility company and your utility account number. Include a copy of your most recent utility bill.

6) What is your main source of heat? (Check only one)

- [ ] Bottle Gas or Propane (L.P. Gas)
- [ ] Coal, Wood or Pellets
- [ ] Electric
- [ ] Fuel oil or Kerosene
- [ ] Natural Gas
- [ ] Other ____________________________

Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus) enrollment and re-verification (Please see front page for PIPP Plus description)

Complete this section for your main heating source, including all-electric homes. Give your heating company name and account number below. A copy of your most recent fuel or heating bill from your current address must be included and should be in the name of the primary applicant.

Main Heating Source (Same source as Question 6.)

- [ ] Are you currently enrolled in PIPP Plus?
- [ ] If yes, do you want to re-verify household income for eligibility?
- [ ] If you are currently enrolled in PIPP Plus, would you like to be removed? (If you drop, you will be responsible for any remaining account balance.)

Electric

- [ ] Are you currently enrolled in PIPP Plus?
- [ ] If no, would you like to enroll in PIPP Plus?
- [ ] If yes, do you want to re-verify household income for eligibility?
- [ ] If you are currently enrolled in PIPP Plus, would you like to be removed? (If you drop, you will be responsible for any remaining account balance.)

Company/Vendor ____________________________

Account # ____________________________

7) [ ] Are your heating costs included in your rent?

8) [ ] Is the name on your heating bill different from the Applicant’s name? If yes, what name.

First: ____________________________ Last: ____________________________

9) [ ] Do you share a main heating source meter with another household?

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME

Instructions for this section:
Provide us with information about your home. Fill in every box completely.

13) Do you rent or own your home? [ ] Rent  [ ] Own (Buying) skip to question 17.

14) Landlord’s Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

Telephone Number ____________________________

15) [ ] Do you rent a room in someone else’s home? If yes, please list all household member information in INCOME SECTION.

16) [ ] Do you receive rental assistance from the government (i.e. Section 8, HUD, Metropolitan Housing)?

17) [ ] Has your household received weatherization services from any other program; (for example, a utility program)?

If yes, which program ____________________________

ABOUT YOU

Instructions for this section:
Tell us, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, how many (if any) American Indians are living in your household. If zero, please write 0 in the box below.

18) ____________________________ Number of American Indians in the household (as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs).

NEXT PAGE – You must read the terms of agreement and sign your application.
PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN PLUS (PIPP Plus)

Terms of Agreement

I agree To pay my Percentage of Income Payment Plan amount for my electric and/or natural gas service every month.

To go to my local community action agency or fill out a HEAP application at least once a year to provide updated household information, and income documentation. If I am using the minimum payment waiver for my electric bill, I agree to update my household income information at my local community action agency before the end of the waiver (no more than 180 days)

To contact my local HEAP provider or the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to report any changes to my total household income or number of household members.

To accept any energy efficiency programs offered by ODSA or its designated providers, if eligible.

To allow my utility companies to release my name, address, telephone number, household member information, amount of my utility usage, and total past due amount to ODSA and agencies that perform weatherization services and/or provide other energy related services.

To allow ODSA to release my name, address, telephone number, household member information, and current status to the utility companies, HEAP, and other energy assistance providers. And to allow ODSA to share my usage and demographic data with organizations contracted by ODSA that evaluate the programs administered by ODSA.

I understand That I will not be re-verified if I owe any PIPP Plus payments. I must make up these payments by the next billing cycle, or the due date given to me by my utility companies.

That if I do not re-verify my income at least once every 12 months (or before 180 days of enrollment on the minimum payment waiver), I will be dropped from PIPP Plus.

That I must give proof of my total household income and membership to the HEAP provider or ODSA as required.

That as long as I pay the PIPP Plus amount that is shown on my utility bills, my service will not be shut off.

That if I make my PIPP Plus payments in full and on-time every month, I will receive a credit for 1/24th of my total past due amount, and I will not need to pay the difference between my PIPP Payment and my actual billing amount.

That I will not receive any credits toward my past due amounts while on the minimum payment waiver for my electric service. And if I reapply for PIPP Plus and I am not eligible, or I choose to be removed from PIPP Plus, I can enroll in Graduate PIPP Plus for up to 12 months after the date I am removed and still receive credits toward my past due amounts owed on my utility accounts.

That if I move out of the service area for my electric company I can enroll in the Post PIPP Plus program to make payments on my closed account and receive credits toward the past due amounts.

That I am legally responsible for all past due amounts on my gas and/or electric accounts and if I stop PIPP Plus the past due amounts will become due. If these past due amounts are not paid in full, the utility companies may use any standard means of collection for the past due amounts on my accounts.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation or any agent designated by the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation as well as the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency or any designated employee of the Director, to disclose to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency or any designated employee of the Director, or to the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation, or any agent or employee designated by the Tax Commissioner, all of my state of Ohio income tax information. The applicant expressly waives notice of the disclosure(s). The applicant expressly waives the confidentiality provisions of the Ohio Revised Code which would otherwise prohibit disclosure and agrees to hold both the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Ohio Development Services Agency and its agents and employees harmless with respect to the limited disclosure herein. This authorization is to be liberally construed and interpreted; any ambiguity shall be resolved in favor of the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation and/or the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. This authorization shall be irrevocable for a period of three years from the date that the application is signed, and is binding on any and all heirs, beneficiaries, survivors, assigns, executors, administrators, successors, receivers, trustees or other beneficiaries.

I understand that by signing this application, I grant the Ohio Development Services Agency or its authorized providers access to my bank, employment, public assistance, utility company or other records needed for verification and evaluation of services. By signing this application, I give the Ohio Development Services Agency, its designees and authorized providers, and the U.S. Department of Energy and its designees and authorized providers, the right to inspect my home and any work performed on my home. I understand that filling out this application does not guarantee that my household will receive assistance. I understand that any authorized provider may rescind an approved payment if information is acquired which determines that my household is not eligible for services according to the rules of each program. I understand that I have the right to appeal within 60 days of a written determination of services or assistance. I also understand that I have the right to request a state hearing within 90 days of a written determination. I certify that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, a true, accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information. I understand that I may be held civilly and criminally liable under federal and state laws for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements. If I am or become a PIPP Plus customer I understand that I may be included in a group for which social security numbers are mandatory to receive energy assistance benefits (45 CFR 96.84(c); 42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(i)).