



Project PAL Qualifications: Eligibility and Income Requirements

Do you qualify for PAL Assistance?

- Applicant must be an active member of OPALCO for four months prior to application.
- PAL funds are available to residential members only.
- Applicant must meet eligibility guidelines based on gross maximum monthly income before taxes and other deductions.

How does Project PAL work?

Project PAL is funded through voluntary member contributions. Members can choose to “round up” their bill each month, or make a one-time or monthly donation.

An independent volunteer council made up of OPALCO members meets monthly during the heating season to evaluate each application. Grants are awarded by unanimous vote. The council reserves the right to allow or deny any application.

Members may receive up to \$150 in PAL funds each year and may apply up to three times per year, or until they have received the maximum amount allowable.

Half of PAL funds are designated for seniors and disabled persons of low income. The remainder is available to any member who meets the guidelines and whose application is approved by the volunteer council.

Eligibility is based on a family income level of up to **200%** of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for the year of the application.

Current guidelines are:

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS MAXIMUM MONTHLY INCOME*
1	\$1,962
2	\$2,655
3	\$3,348
4	\$4,042
5	\$4,735
6	\$5,428
7	\$6,122
8	\$6,815

** Gross Maximum Monthly Income is income before taxes and other deductions.*

If you need assistance in filling out the application, contact your local OPALCO office, Senior Services or Family Resource Center.

PAL Applicants are encouraged to sign up for bill round up (about \$6/year) to help fund the next members in need.