



WISCONSIN CONNECTIONS

An educational series connecting families to state and federal assistance programs

W-2, a program for limited income families, provides financial help, training and employment. Participants receive monthly cash payments for working in eligible jobs.



Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Eligibility

Am I eligible for W-2?

W-2 is available to families with children under 18 years of age whose income is less than the monthly limits shown in the table below. U.S. citizens or migrant workers who have lived in Wisconsin a minimum of 60 days are eligible to apply.

Benefits

What can I receive?

W-2 provides employment preparation services, case management and cash assistance to eligible families.

All W-2 families meet with a Financial and Employment Planner who helps you develop a plan for employment. You will also receive help in job placement.

Through W-2 you will receive help in applying for other programs for which you may be eligible. Some examples include:

- **Emergency Assistance (EA)** helps families keep their home, or in some cases helps with the cost of a new residence.
- **Job Access Loans (JAL)** are short term, no-interest loans to help you with immediate expenses related to getting or keeping your job.
- **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) programs** give temporary help to new refugees who are not eligible for W-2, Social Security Income, or a Match Grant.
- **Child care.** If you are enrolled in W-2 programs or in school, you may be eligible for Wisconsin Shares Child Care program.
- **Transportation.** Your W-2 agency may provide bus passes or gas vouchers.

You might also be eligible to receive family support services such as FoodShare, health care, child support, and other programs.

2014 Income guidelines

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income limit	\$1,118	\$1,507	\$1,896	\$2,285	\$2,674	\$3,063

Are there time limits to receiving benefits?

W-2 cash assistance is limited to 60 months in your lifetime. You cannot be in any one W-2 benefits program longer than 24 months. Extensions may be possible.

Application

How do I apply?

To apply for W-2 benefits contact your local W-2 agency.

Find your local W-2 agency at <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/locator/w2locator.htm>

Online resources

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/>