

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION		TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE MANUAL
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## 900.1 REQUIREMENTS

- A. All members included in a TCA assistance unit must be financially eligible.
  1. Although some household members are not members of the TCA assistance unit, their income and assets **may be** counted when determining financial eligibility for the TCA assistance unit.
  2. Coding CARES correctly is very important for processing the financial eligibility of non-members.
- B. Financial eligibility requirements test income of all the members in the assistance unit unless they are otherwise excluded.
  - Earned and/or unearned (minus applicable disregards and reductions), cannot exceed the allowable benefit amount for the assistance unit size.
- C. If financial eligibility is not met, the entire assistance unit is ineligible.
  1. When financial eligibility is not met at the date of application, the applicant is notified in writing and the request denied.
  2. When financial eligibility is not met when a case is active, the customer is notified in writing and the case closed.
    - The case can continue through the certification period if the customer files a request for a fair hearing.
- D. Other sections of this chapter describe these requirements in detail.