

Low Income Rate Information and Application Instructions

The Merced Irrigation District offers a residential Low Income Discount Program (CARE) rate for customers within qualifying income levels. This rate reduces the cost of electric service for the participant's permanent, primary residence. Qualifying income levels may not exceed the following criteria.

CARE Program Income Limits	
Household Size Members in Household	Maximum Annual Gross Income*
1 to 2	\$30,500
3	\$35,800
4	\$43,500
5	\$50,600
6	\$58,000
For each additional person add.....	\$7,400 per member

*Before taxes based on current income sources included, but not limited to, those described below.

"Income" shall be defined as the combined gross income, whether taxable or non-taxable, of all persons who live in the household, which includes but is not limited to: child support, alimony, spousal support payments, public assistance, food stamps, cash aid, Section 8 housing assistance, veteran benefits, disability, retirement, unemployment, Social Security Income, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, cash, tips, wages, interest, the derived income from salaries, rental income, dividends and all employment-related non-cash income. Please check all that apply.

TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) **Complete** the enclosed **application**.
- (2) Request a "**Return Transcript**" from the Internal Revenue Service for each member of the household who is 18 years or older and provide proof of income if not shown on the Return Transcript (see above for "income" definition). **Make sure to request a Return Transcript not an Account Transcript.**
 - (a) **Return Transcripts** can be requested by visiting www.irs.gov and clicking on "Get Transcript of Your Tax Records" under "Tools" or by calling 1-800-908-9946 or by fax to 1-559-456-7227.
 - (b) **IF YOU DID NOT FILE** a tax return for the prior year, you will need to **request a Verification of Nonfiling** using IRS Form 4506-T (check line 7) **and provide income verification** for all income (see above for "income" definition). Verifications of Nonfiling can be requested via mail or fax.
By mail: Internal Revenue Service
RAIVS Team
Stop 37106
Fresno, CA 93888
- (3) **Return the application, Return Transcript(s), and additional income verification to the Merced Irrigation District.**

Applicants may receive the discount only after MID verifies the application and the transcript(s) for every household member over the age of 18. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify MID of increases in household income which may cause the applicant to exceed the low income level and thus result in the household no longer being eligible for the utility discount. Program participants may be required to recertify household income or other qualifying criteria annually to continue to receive applicable utility discounts.

Mail all required documentation to:

MID CARES
PO Box 2288
Merced, CA 95344-2288

