



Utility Assistance Eligibility Criteria and Required Documents

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible applicants must be residents of Essex County. It is the practice of NESF to first screen consumer for utility assistance through NJ SHARES prior to determining eligibility for financial assistance. Financial Assistance **cannot exceed** 4 months arrears.

If you are currently receiving a utility subsidy through a utility assistance program such as USF, TRUE or LIHEAP you may not be eligible for financial assistance.

Note: NJ SHARES applications are processed for ALL New Jersey residents

UTILITY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Identification	Proof of Income
<i>(For each household member)</i> Photo ID Birth Certificate Social Security Card Credit/Debit Card Family First Card	4 Current pay stubs Current Social Security Insurance award letter Current Unemployment Statement
Proof of Burden	Proof of County Residency
Shut Off Notice Denial Letter from LIHEAP Provider	Utility Bill Telephone Bill <i>(no cell phone bills)</i> Cable Bill
Payment History	Additional Information
12 Month Payment History <i>(Monthly Statements)</i>	Current Rental Lease <i>(as proof of residency of billing location)</i>

NOTE: Eligibility is determined after a formal intake with a Case Manager. NESF does not guarantee assistance beforehand.