

## **Project SEED Financial Guidelines to Determine Stipend Eligibility.**

Project SEED Summer Research program students are eligible to receive a fellowship stipend award of \$2,500.00 IF their parent/s or guardian/s total household income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Students NOT meeting these financial guidelines will only be considered if they exceed the cut off amount by less than 10% if there are extenuating circumstances and hardship is clearly demonstrated.

Because of the outstanding opportunity to undertake a research internship with other top students with nationally and internationally recognized investigators, and because of the potential for outstanding acceptances to Ivy League and elite universities, scholarships and other financial awards, all SEED students are encouraged to focus on the science aspects of the program and not the stipend.

The stipend is an educational fellowship award and NOT considered income, or payment for services. The stipend award is intended to free up families from financial concern while the student focuses on academics and the possibility of pursuing a career in science.

### **Understanding Financial Eligibility: Family Income Requirements**

**[This information comes from American Chemical Society – click here to read it yourself](#)**

**Federal Poverty Guidelines based on family size - <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty>**

Clicking the Federal Poverty Guidelines shows an income table. The column on the left side shows the 200% values which are the upper limits for household income for stipend eligibility. Notice that these numbers represent ‘guidelines’ and not a hard requirement. Each year some students with family income outside these guidelines have been awarded stipends based on special circumstances. On the application part 4 there is a place for you to inform us if there are special circumstances you would like for us to consider in determining stipend eligibility.

***Note: all students receiving the \$2500.00 stipend will need to submit their family’s tax return forms upon acceptance to the program and the amounts on the tax forms should reflect the numbers on application part 4.***

#### **Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia For Household Number (all people in the family)**

#### **NOTICE HERE!**

<b>Household Total #</b>	<b>Poverty Guideline</b>	<b>200% amount</b>
1	\$11,880	\$23,760
2	\$16,020	\$32,040
3	\$20,160	\$40,320
4	\$24,300	\$48,600
5	\$28,440	\$56,880
6	\$32,580	\$65,160
7	\$36,730	\$73,460
8	\$40,890	\$81,780

for families/households with more than 8 total, add \$4,160 for each additional person ***add \$8,320 per person***