

II. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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USDA FSNE rules for allowable and unallowable costs apply to all activities and materials. All costs must be reasonable (in cost and scope) and necessary and targeted to FSNE-eligible persons. The allowable and unallowable costs may change every year based on annual USDA Guidance. The Contractor is required to comply with any such changes. The *Network* keeps the most current version of the [USDA Allowable and Unallowable Costs Chart](#) on the *Network* website.

FSNE-eligible persons are defined as persons who are participating in the Food Stamp Program, those who are likely eligible for participation in the Food Stamp Program because their income does not exceed 130 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or those who are potentially eligible because their incomes do not exceed 185 percent of FPL.

FSNE activities may be delivered with a waiver to potentially eligible target audience with at least 50 percent having household incomes not higher than 185 percent of the FPL. (Waiver to USDA will be completed by *Network* staff). Activities in school districts or organizations working with schools must have over 50 percent of the schools enrolled in the free or reduced price school meal program at each participating school site to qualify for funding. College students must be at 130 percent of FPL and meet at least one other USDA criterion.

If there are changes in the USDA *Food Stamp Nutrition Education Plan Guidance* for any given FFY that impact the Allowable and Unallowable Costs, the *Network* will update the website with a revised Allowable and Unallowable Costs document. Note: You will be required to comply with the new FFY USDA Guidance document once issued. You will be notified by e-mail if changes occur.