

FUEL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS – 2025-2026

DELIVERABLE FUELS (OIL OR PROPANE) BEGINS – OCTOBER 14, 2025

UTILITIES (NATURAL GAS OR ELECTRIC) BEGINS – NOVEMBER 17, 2025

INCOME

1. SOCIAL SECURITY – You must provide CURRENT Social Security income. You can either provide your Social Security statement, which you would have received at the end of 2024, showing the monthly amount you will receive in 2025. Or, you can provide a CURRENT bank statement showing your S.S. direct deposit. Bank statement cannot be older than three months prior to your date of application.
2. PENSION/ANNUITY – If you receive a monthly pension/annuity, you must provide a 1099-R document showing your total amount of pension/annuity for the previous year. Or, you can provide a monthly “stub” (if you receive one) showing the monthly amount you receive and any deductions. New Opportunities of Meriden WILL NOT accept bank statement deposits for Pensions/Annuities.
3. IRA DISTRIBUTIONS – If you receive MONTHLY IRA distributions, you must provide an appropriate document showing that amount as income.
4. EMPLOYMENT – If you are working (full- or part-time), you must provide your MOST CURRENT pay stubs (within six weeks of your date of application). If you are paid by-monthly, you must provide two stubs. If you are paid weekly, you must provide four stubs.
5. UNEMPLOYMENT – If you are receiving unemployment benefits, you must provide a document showing the weekly or monthly amount you are receiving.
6. VA BENEFIT – If you receive a monthly VA benefit, you must provide a document showing your current amount, or a bank statement if you receive a direct deposit.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. OIL OR PROPANE HEATING – You must provide a document showing the name of your supplier. It can be a delivery receipt or any statement or letter which shows the name. You should also check with your supplier to ensure that they are participating in the Fuel Assistance program. You also need to provide a copy of your CURRENT electric Eversource bill (both sides of the first page).
2. NATURAL GAS OR ELECTRIC – You must provide copies of your Eversource bills. If you heat with gas, you need to provide copies of both your gas and electric bills (copy both sides of first page).
3. IMPORTANT – If you receive SNAP benefits (food stamps), you need to provide a copy of your CURRENT letter from DSS (dated within six months of your date of application). It should show the amount you are currently receiving.