

CASE STUDY 3
INTERVIEW INFORMATION

The Wallace family submitted an application on 6/25/2008. On the application the following members were listed:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Head of Household</i>	<i>Age</i>
Elle Wallace	Head of H/H	24
Ted Moore	Son	6
Lisa Moore	Daughter	5

- All members share meals. The household lives off reservation in an approved service area, but only Chris Wallace, Elle's husband, is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Elle provides his enrollment card from his Tribe.
- Chris is a Marine and is currently deployed to Iraq. All of his income is sent to his wife and step-children. Chris' leave and earnings statements show gross income of \$1,300 a month. In addition, he receives a family subsistence supplemental allowance of \$500 every month. This is an assistance program offered by DOD for low-income military families.
- Chris' earning and leave statement shows he contributes \$100 of his pretax earnings to a special medical savings account. Since this is pre-tax, it is not reflected on the earnings statement as part of gross income. His employer contributes \$50 a month to a special health and accident plan; and this contribution is reflected as a credit on the leave statement. Neither of these contributions is included in the \$1,300 gross income figure on Chris' leave and earnings statement.
- Elle opened a flower shop in 2007 and provided a copy of the Schedule C from her 2007 tax return. She stated that because of business start-up costs she has no savings.
- Ted and Lisa walk to the flower shop after school each day, so Elle does not have any child dependent care expenses.
- Elle also receives \$500 in child support each month from her ex-husband.