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For  $1 < \nu \leq 2$  a real number and  $T \geq 3$  a natural number, conditions are given for the existence of solutions of the  $\nu$ th order Atıcı-Elloe fractional difference equation,  $\Delta^\nu y(t) + f(t + \nu - 1, y(t + \nu - 1)) = 0$ ,  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, T\}$ , and satisfying the left focal boundary conditions  $\Delta y(\nu - 2) = y(\nu + T) = 0$ . (Received July 20, 2020)