

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS - ELDERS DEPARTMENT
2021 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM



PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

FIRST NAME _____ Age: _____

ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE (____) _____ SEX: ____ M ____ F

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD SIZE: _____ **TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME** _____

The collection of race and ethnicity is requested solely for the purpose of determining the State agency's compliance with Federal civil rights laws and ensures that the program is administered in a non-discriminatory manner. Your responses to these questions will not affect consideration of your application. If you choose not to self-identify race and ethnicity, the person taking the application must record the participant's race and ethnicity based on visual observation.

ETHNICITY CATEGORY:

- ____ HISPANIC OR LATINO
____ NOT HISPANIC OR LATINO

RACE CATEGORY (select one or more):

- ____ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
____ ASIAN
____ BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
____ NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR ANOTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
____ WHITE

To be eligible to receive SFMNP coupons, you must be 55 years of age and meet the income guidelines, which are based on 185% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines during the current fiscal year. You have been given a copy of the current income guidelines for this fiscal year. **You must live within the six-county services area.** You must provide a copy of the acceptance letter that you are a participant in SSI or a member of a family/economic unit participating with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or on a waiting list for WIC. A copy of your Tribal ID will be needed, proof of residency, copy of driver license, State ID, or household bill in your name.

PROXY

A proxy is a person only authorized to receive and/or redeem SFMNP coupons. A proxy should be at least 18 years of age and dependable for the duration of the program months of operation. For the coupons to be issued to a proxy, the proxy must present identification as well as written approval from the participant. Proxies must sign a designated line on the coupon log sheet prior to receiving the coupons. Proxies have the same obligations to follow program guidelines when purchasing fruits and vegetables from an authorized farmer.

I, _____ authorize the following individual(s) to act as my proxy.
Participant signature

Assigned proxies: _____
1st proxy named _____ 2nd proxy names _____

____ Check here if no proxy was assigned

CERTIFICATION BY PARTICIPANT

I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the SFMNP. I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that I cannot receive farmers’ market benefits from more than one state, more than one local agency or program model (check, coupon or CSA). This certification form is being submitted in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify information on this form. I understand that intentionally making a false or misleading statement or intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts may result in paying the State agency, in cash, the value of the food benefits improperly issued to me and may subject me to civil or criminal prosecution under State and Federal law. Standards for eligibility and participation in the SFMNP are the same for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. I understand that I may appeal any decision made by the local agency regarding my eligibility for the SFMNP. I certify I meet the 2021 household size and income guidelines provided by the state and that I am eligible to receive SFMNP benefits.

_____ Signature of Participant	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Certifier	_____ Date

Issued SFMNP booklet # _____ thru _____
Date

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