

2021 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Application for Vouchers/Affidavit for Eligibility

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides fresh fruit and vegetables to lower-income seniors with the goal of improving their health and nutritional status. It also supports local farming by increasing the use of farmers markets and roadside stands.

To be eligible to receive a voucher, you must meet all of the following:

- You must be 60 years old or older (or 55+ if you are Native American /Alaska Native)
- Your income must be below 185% of Federal Poverty Level. That means:
 - \$23,828 Annual or \$1,986 Monthly Income for 1 person
 - \$32,227 Annual or \$2,686 Monthly Income for 2 people
 - \$40,626 Annual or \$3,386 Monthly Income for 3 people
 - \$49,025 Annual or \$4,085 Monthly Income for 4 people
 - For larger households, add \$700/month for each additional person
- You must be a resident of Pierce County

There is a strict limit of one set of vouchers per household. Incomplete applications or applications received before May 3rd will be returned. A limited number of vouchers are available each season, and completed applications will be processed in the order received.

We will begin accepting applications for vouchers on Monday, May 3, 2021. To receive one set of SFMNP vouchers, you must complete **all** fields below and return the application to Pierce County Human Services, Aging & Disability Resources.

Please provide all of the information on Page 2, sign your application, and return your application to:

Pierce County Human Services
Attn: Mickie Brown
3602 Pacific Ave., Suite 200
Tacoma, WA 98418

You may also fax your application to (253) 798-2818, Attn: Mickie Brown, or e-mail the application to: seniorfarmersmarket@piercecountywa.gov

Vouchers will be mailed to eligible applicants beginning Friday, June 4th.

Applications that are missing information will not be processed and will be returned to the address provided.

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Birth date: _____ **Phone:** _____

Home Address: _____ **Apt #** _____

City: _____ **Zip code:** _____ **County:** _____

Do you receive mail at this address? Yes No

If "No," please provide your mailing address: _____

The total number of people living at my home address is (include all children and adults who share the same home address): _____

The total amount of income received by everyone living at my home address is (include Social Security Retirement and Disability benefits, unemployment benefits, pensions, interest income, and any income earned or received by anyone living in the home): _____

The USDA requires us to report race and ethnicity information. It is used to learn about who SFMNP serves and does not affect your SFMNP eligibility. Race means the origins of your family or ancestors. Ethnicity means a person's culture. Please answer the two questions below:

1. **Do you consider yourself Hispanic/Latino?** Yes No
2. **Please check all that apply:** American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian White Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

By signing this form, you certify that you meet all of the eligibility requirements described on page 1, and the information you have provided on the application is true and complete. You further acknowledge that you have been given SFMNP Rights and Responsibilities information.

* _____
Participant Signature

* _____
Date

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(1) **Mail complaint of discrimination to:**

US Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) **Fax complaint of discrimination to:** (202) 690-7442; or

(3) **Email complaint of discrimination to:** program.intake@usda.gov.

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