

PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP)
2023 CHECK DISTRIBUTION

CCDAS will be distributing SFMNP checks through the U.S. Mail following receipt, review and acceptance of 2023 Application Form.

Application form is double-sided. The USDA Non-Discrimination Statement must be included as page 2 of the application. If you are including the application in your newsletter, no changes are to be made to form and both page 1, Application & page 2, USDA Non-Discrimination Statement must be included.

2023 Distribution

- Eligible check recipients must complete and return the “2023 Application Form” to CCDAS.
- CCDAS will electronically send the 2023 Application Form to those requesting form. If an individual does not have electronic capability, the form will be mailed to them. We ask that your organization assist in distributing the form electronically or hard copy (double sided with USDA Non-Discrimination Statement as page 2).
- 2023 Application Form will be available on the CCDAS website **chesco.org/aging** and we ask that the 2-page form be made available on your website and in your newsletter. Format of the application form may not be changed when copying to your website or newsletter.
- CCDAS will mail checks to eligible recipients following receipt and confirmation that all required information has been completed. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED INCLUDING ETHNICITY AND RACE
- Basic Rules and Regulations will be included in the envelope with the checks. This document includes information regarding the program; how to access Market Information; list of Eligible Fruit and Vegetables and how to access Nutrition Education.
- Each eligible recipient will receive five(5) \$10.00 checks for a total one-time benefit of \$50.00 for the program year.

2023 Application Form

Eligible seniors requesting SFMNP checks must complete the 2-page 2023 Application Form. If two eligible seniors live in the same household, i.e. husband & wife, one form may be completed. Each eligible senior must complete their information and signature line.

The following information must be completed:

- Participant Name**
- Birth Date**
- Signature** – electronic signatures will be accepted or signature may be typed on form
- Address**
- Telephone Number**
- County you live in**
- Ethnicity** – appropriate identifier must be circled or if completed electronically underline or change response to bold font
- Race** – appropriate identifier must be circled or if completed electronically underline or change response to bold font

Completed form is to be returned electronically to: mwebb@chesco.org or form may be mailed to:

Chester County Department of Aging Services

601 Westtown Road, Suite 320

West Chester, PA 19380

Recipient Eligibility – eligibility requirements have not changed for 2023.

Seniors who are 60+ years old during the program year or will turn 60 by December 31, 2023 and meet the income requirements are eligible for SFMNP. Income is total income including interest, Social Security, wages, etc.. The SFMNP does not include seniors who are living in nursing home facilities, convents and residential facilities where meals are provided.

Income Guidelines

- SFMNP is a self-declaration program.
- Check recipients are not asked to provide proof of income.

Income is determined by household. All members of the household are to be considered. A household is a group of related or non-related individuals who are living together as one economic unit.

2023 Household Income Eligibility

1 person - \$26,973	5 people - \$65,009
2 people - \$36,482	6 people - \$74,518
3 people - \$45,991	7 people - \$84,027
4 people - \$55,500	8 people - \$93,536

Note: child support is counted as household income, unless the child is a foster child.

Income means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, bonds, etc.

Income includes:

1. Monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions or fees
2. Income from non-farm self-employment
3. Net income from farm self-employment
4. Social Security
5. Dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts
6. Net rental income
7. Public assistance or welfare payments
8. Unemployment compensation
9. Government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veterans payments
10. Private pensions or annuities
11. Alimony or child support payments
12. Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
13. Net royalties
14. Other cash income

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Questions should be emailed to: mwebb@chesco.org