

## **Instructions for applying for Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program checks, summer 2020:**

1. You must meet the following eligibility requirements: age 60 or older, current resident of Union County, and yearly income that does not exceed \$23,606 (single person) or \$31,894 (married couple, living together).
2. Fill out the entire application. If any required information is not provided on the application, checks will not be issued.
3. Sign the back of the application, and indicate the current date.
4. There are a limited number of checks; checks will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Once eligibility has been confirmed, checks will be mailed to you. Each eligible person will receive six checks, \$5 each, for a total of \$30.
6. If checks are lost or stolen, no replacement checks will be issued.
7. Return the completed application to the following address:

Union County Division on Aging  
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Questions? Please call any of the following numbers:

(888) 280-8226 \* (908) 527-4870 \* (908) 527-4877



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP)  
APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY- Summer 2020**

Application Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE APPLICATION!**

**Name:** Last\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Last\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse applying for SFMNP Benefits)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Check/Circle one:**

**Check/circle one or more:**

**(1) Ethnicity:**

**(2) Ethnicity**

**(1) Race:**

**(2) Race:**

Hispanic

Hispanic

American Indian or Alaskan Native

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Non-Hispanic

Non-Hispanic

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Asian

Asian

Black or African American

Black or African American

White

White

**State your income:**

Single \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year or per month

Married \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year or per month

**Automatic Income Eligibility:**

Food Stamp/SNAP Card or  
Medicaid Card

**\*\* If homeless must provide at least one form of Identity**

Driver License,  Birth Certificate,  Social Security Benefit Statement,  other \_\_\_\_\_

**Rights and Obligations**

1. I certify that I am not enrolled in another County Office on Aging and will not try to enroll in another County Office on Aging while enrolled here or will not obtain SFMNP benefits from another County Office on Aging or another site.
2. I understand that I can be disqualified from the program for failure to comply with the SFMNP obligations and regulations and may result in penalties or in disqualification from the SFMNP for the next year.

By my signature, I also understand that the State and local agencies have the option to verify reported income further, to confirm my income eligibility for the SFMNP.

I certify that by receiving this SFMNP seasonal benefit checks, I acknowledge that I have read SFMNP's income eligibility guidelines. In addition, I acknowledge that my household income falls within the published annual income guidelines for SFMNP.

I certify that I am a resident of New Jersey and a resident of the county of which I am applying for SFMNP benefits.

I further, certify that I am at least 60 years of age and older, which is the minimum age requirement for participation in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

The local agency will make health and services nutrition available to you, and you are encouraged to participate in these services. I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge. This certification form is being submitted about 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. I understand that it is illegal to receive more than one (1) set of SFMNP checks in one (1) calendar year.

(1) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month, day                      year                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

(2) Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month, day                      year                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

Denied       Approved

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Month, day)                      year                      \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of local agency representative)

If you believe you are eligible for SFMNP benefits, you have the right to a fair hearing regarding this decision by writing, phoning or visiting the local office no later than 60 days from this notification. The fair hearing will be held at the local office. You may bring a witness, friend or lawyer (all legal fees will be your responsibility). The hearing committee will consist of local officials. They will listen to both sides and give an oral decision. During the hearing, you are permitted to state reasons why you believe you should receive SFMNP benefits. The local staff will state the reasons you were denied. You may request copies of the documents used in determining your case. The hearing will be held at a time that is convenient for you, and you will receive a written notice 10 day before the hearing, reminding you of the date, time and place.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).  
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