



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: 2022 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Food Benefits Card Recipients in Orleans Parish
 FROM: Michelle Estay, Senior FMNP Director
 DATE: February 1, 2023
 SUBJECT: 2023 Program Announcement

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for 2023. Our records show you received Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Food Benefits in 2022 which are used to buy locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs and honey at farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Important information about the 2023 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program includes:

1. Orleans Parish residents' applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

A. Mail or Drop in Mailbox: Food for Seniors
 Attn: Rosalin Trench
 5600 Hayne Blvd.
 New Orleans, LA 70126

B. Fax: (504) 241-3102

C. Drop off at a New Orleans location listed below on one of the specified dates/times (outside drive-up only):

Location	Date	Time
Israelite Baptist Church, 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (Parking lot across the street)	Monday, March 6	9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1835 St. Roch Ave.	Tuesday, March 7	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Thursday, March 9	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 14	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Thursday, March 16	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Food for Seniors Townsend Warehouse, 7649 Townsend Pl.	Friday, March 17	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 21	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Monday, April 3	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Food for Seniors Westbank Warehouse, 1245 1 st Ave., Harvey (Only Orleans Applications)	Tuesday, March 28	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

2. Catholic Charities Food for Families will be processing the applications for Orleans Parish residents only. Written applications must be made every year and approved by Food for Families in order to receive food benefits. The office phone number is (504) 245-7207. Please do not call or mail applications to any of the drop off locations listed above.
3. Enclosed is an application form for you to complete and submit. Please make sure that all information on your application is complete and list a good contact phone number in case there are any questions regarding your application.
4. Also enclosed is an Authorized Representative form you may fill out designating someone to be your representative to apply for and/or use food benefits on your behalf if you cannot do so yourself.
5. Once you have completed the application process, the processor will send us a copy of your application for our use when issuing the 2023 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Food Benefits.
6. Your application will be processed according to the date it was received. Food benefits are very limited, so it is important that you apply as soon as you can. They will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. If Orleans Parish's quota is reached, you will be informed and placed on a waiting list. However, the waiting list is not a guarantee that you will receive food benefits at a later date this year.
7. Applications mailed or faxed to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry or US Department of Agriculture will be placed on hold and will not be processed until all other applications are processed.
8. Food benefits will be issued by reloading your food benefits card that you received last year or mailing a new food benefits card to you if you no longer have yours. This information will be collected on the application form. We plan to begin issuing food benefits in May, and they expire November 30 this year.

We look forward to you participating in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program again this year. Thank you!

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