# How to Apply for Farmers Market Checks

- During the pandemic most distribution of checks is happening by mail
- You must send Generations of Indian Valley the completed application (page 3 of this document) by mail, fax, or email; e-signatures in script font will be accepted
- Checks will be mailed to you once the completed application is received

Mail: Generations of Indian Valley

259 North Second Street

Souderton, PA 18964

Email: efilice@generationsofiv.org

Call 215-723-1930 for help with the application.

You do not need to return this page with your application.

## **FMNP and SFMNP Basic Rules and Regulations**

- FMNP checks cannot be used before June 1, 2021 or after November 30, 2021.
- PMNP customers may buy only fruits and vegetables grown in Pennsylvania.
- When using checks recipients must sign in the "Signature Recipient or Proxy" section on the front lower right corner of the checks. Do not sign on the back. Do this before going to the market.
- 2 At the market look for stands displaying the white Farmers Market Nutrition Program poster.
- Each check is worth \$6. Farmers are <u>not</u> permitted to give change for purchases of less than \$6.
- Program recipients may place orders online with FMNP approved farmer; however, you must pay with your paper FMNP checks. A proxy may go to markets to make the purchase for you.

## **Market information**

To find a farmer's market or farm stand with eligible farmers please download the PA FMNP app (available in the Google Play store and the Apple Store for free). Search for PA FMNP farmers market locator and download the app, or go to <a href="www.pafmnp.org">www.pafmnp.org</a> to search for online farmers market and farm stand. You can also call Montco Hunger Solutions at 610-628-2000.

For markets with phone numbers please contact for changes to operating hours before visiting.

\*\* Note: Program recipients are encouraged to practice social distancing and wear masks at markets and stands.

# List of eligible fruit and vegetables

Fruit Apples Apricots Vegetables	Berries	Grapes	Melons	Pears
	Cherries	Nectarines	Plums	Peaches
Artichokes	Cauliflower	Leeks	Parsnips	Tomatoes
Asparagus	Celery	Lettuce	Onions	Turnips
Beans (fresh)	Corn	Mushrooms	Radishes	Winter
Beets	Cucumbers	Peppers	Rhubarb	Squash
Broccoli	Eggplant	Potatoes	Rutabagas	Yams grown in PA
Brussels sprouts	Greens	Peas	Spinach Sweet	Zucchini
Cabbage	Kohlrabi	Okra	Potatoes	

<u>No</u> actual plants are permitted for purchase only the mature fruit and/or vegetable is allowable for purchase with the FMNP checks.

Fresh cut herbs are allowed if they are used for cooking or flavoring

- Processed food is not allowed for purchase with FMNP Checks. Jack-o-lanterns are not allowable
- Citrus or tropical fruits are not allowed for purchase with FMNP checks.

## **Nutrition Education**

Nutrition information on basic nutrition, shopping, cooking and food safety can be found at <a href="https://www.nutrition.gov">www.nutrition.gov</a>. The website also contains many different recipes.

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SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

## 2021 Application Form

To qualify you must be 60 or older (or turn 60 by 12/31/2021) and meet the household income guidelines.

#### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Application Number:

I certify that the information I have provided below for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge. 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. By signing this, I acknowledge that my total household income is within the Income guidelines: \$23,828 for 1 person in the household; or \$32,227 for 2 people in the household and that I am 60 years old or older (or will turn 60 by December 31, 2021). 1<sup>st</sup> Participant Name (print): Birth date (Person checks are for) (Signature) 2nd Participant Name (print):\_\_ Birth Date (Person checks are for) (Signature) Address (print): Telephone Number:\_\_\_\_ County you live in \_\_\_\_\_ Please check the most appropriate identifier for each. You must check both ethnicity and race. **Ethnicity:** Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ Asian American Indian or Alaskan Native Race: ☐ Black or African American

If more responses are received than funding allows you will be notified by mail.

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Please mail or email\_your completed form before September 30, 2021 to:

Mail: Generations of Indian Valley 259 North Second St. Souderton, PA 18969 **Email:** efilice@generationsofiv.org

Questions? 215-723-1930

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- (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.

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