



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Food Distribution Program

100 Kerr Ave/ P.O. Box 1243 Poteau, OK 74953
(918) 649-0431 /1-800-522-6170

Current program procedures request that all applicants be processed at the food distribution sites. We cannot process any applications without first having a face-to-face interview with you. Please check the Food Distribution Program calendar in the Biskinik for our monthly schedule to determine when would be the best date for you to come to the store.

Please bring all requested information with you on the day you apply. A caseworker will interview you at that time and determine your eligibility. **PLEASE BRING COPIES!**

The following documents are needed to determine your eligibility:

- _____ **CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) Card or Tribal Membership Card**– Your file must contain proof of your Tribal lineage.
- _____ **Social Security Cards** – You will need to bring copies of Social Security Cards for all household members.
- _____ **Address Verification** – Please bring current proof of your residency with your name and address on it.
- _____ **Income Verification** –
 - Check Stubs: If you are paid weekly, bring your last four pay stubs. If you are paid bi-monthly or bi-weekly, bring your last two pay stubs and if you are paid monthly bring your last pay stub.
 - Fixed Income: Please bring verification from the Social Security Office or Department of Human Services verifying amount of Social Security, SSI, TANF, SSP etc.
 - Unemployment Participants: Any household member 18 years or older that is able to work and is currently unemployed will need to register with the unemployment office or provide collateral statements from two non-relatives of unemployment.
 - Students: Bring copies of your tuition, books and fees as well as verification of any grants or loans received.
- _____ **DHS Verification** – If you have recently applied for or received SNAP (Food Stamps) benefits, please bring a termination letter from the Department of Human Services.

Hours of Operation

Monday thru Wednesday	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Due to processing time we normally stop taking applications 30 minutes before closing. All Food Distribution Sites will be closed the last two days of the month for inventory as well as on federal and tribal holidays.

******Please note you must live in the 10 ½ County service area of the Choctaw Nation to qualify for USDA Foods from the Choctaw Nation Food Distribution Program******



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Date Received: _____

Instructions: Complete the following information. If you **refuse to cooperate/provide verification**, your application will be denied. You must provide proof/verification of all income and allowable deductions.

Name (Head of Household): _____ County: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Household Size: _____

City/State/ZipCode: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Physical Address: _____

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: Complete the following for each member of your household. Your household means yourself and the people who live with you. List your name first. (Attach a separate sheet if you need to list additional household members.)

NAME(S) OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS <small>(Last, First, Middle Initial) Please Print.</small>	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD <small>(self, spouse, daughter, son, cousin, etc.)</small>	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SOCIAL SECURITY #
1.				
2.				
3.				
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Are you or anyone in your household currently receiving SNAP Benefits? Yes No If yes, list names: _____

Have you or anyone in your household recently applied for SNAP Benefits? Yes No If yes, list names: _____

Have you or anyone in your household been disqualified from the SNAP Program for an intentional program violation?
 Yes No. If yes, list name(s): _____ *OFFICE USE ONLY Checked for Dual Participation:*
 SNAP Book Date: _____ Date Called: _____ DHS Staff: _____ County: _____ Staff Initial: _____

INCOME (EARNED & UNEARNED): List income from all sources for each household member including wages, social security, SSI, TANF, general/public assistance, foster care payments, unemployment or worker's compensation, child support, alimony, pensions, Veteran's benefits, per capita payments from gambling enterprises, work/training allowances, etc. Verification of income is required for all household members (pay check stubs, award letters, etc.). Households with earned income must provide a full month's wage statements. Attach a separate sheet, if you need to list additional household members.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	EMPLOYER/ SOURCE OF INCOME	TYPE OF INCOME <small>(Wages, Social Security, TANF, Child Support, etc.)</small>	GROSS AMOUNT	HOW OFTEN PAID <small>Monthly, Bi-weekly, Weekly</small>

SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME: Are there any members in your household who are self-employed? Yes No If yes, complete the following section. Payment from rental property, roomers, boarders, farming, ranching, and/or operating your own business is considered to be self-employment. Please provide a copy of last year's Federal Income Tax form (1040, Schedules F, C, E, if applicable, or other proof of self-employment costs and income (current books showing income and expenses).

HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	TYPE OF BUSINESS <small>(Farm, Ranch, Rental, Day care, etc)</small>	OCCUPATION	Is your self-employment the primary source of income for meeting your living expenses?

STUDENTS: Are there any students in your household who receive education grants, scholarships or loans? Yes No
 If yes, complete the following section. Please provide verification.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	AMOUNT OF LOAN/GRANT	PERIOD OF TIME FUNDS INTENDED TO COVER	TYPE OF PAYMENT (Pell Grant, Student Loan, BIA)	Amount Used To Pay Tuition/School Fees/Other Rel. Exp.

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS [Please provide verification]:

DEPENDENT CARE: Does anyone in your household pay for the care of a child or other dependent when necessary for a household member to accept or continue employment or to attend training or pursue education which is preparatory to employment? Yes No If yes, name and address of person providing care: _____
 Amount Paid: \$ _____ How often paid (weekly, monthly, etc.) _____

CHILD SUPPORT: Does anyone in your household pay court ordered child support for a non-household member? Yes No
 If yes, complete the following: Amount ordered to pay: \$ _____ Amount actually paid: \$ _____

EXCESS MEDICAL EXPENSES: Anyone in your household elderly and/or disabled? Yes No If yes, all elderly and/or disabled household members may deduct medical expenses, excluding special diets, in excess of \$35 a month. Monthly total of excess medical expenses: \$ _____

SHELTER/ UTILITY EXPENSE: Does anyone in your household, pay on a monthly basis, at least one shelter/utility expense? Yes No If yes, type of shelter/utility expense(s) are paid monthly: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: To authorize someone outside your household to pick up your food, complete this section.

NAME(S)	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER

RACIAL/ETHNIC DATA COLLECTION: This information is voluntary. If you do not provide this information, it will not affect your eligibility.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Choose one of the following: Yes or No
2. What is your race? Choose any of the following that apply: American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

FAIR HEARING: If you disagree with any action taken on your case, you or your representative have the right to request a fair hearing. You may request a fair hearing in writing or orally. If you request a fair hearing, your case may be presented by a household member or representative, such as a legal counsel, a relative, a friend or other spokesperson.

PENALTY WARNING: If your household receives USDA food it must follow the rules below. Failure to comply with these rules may result in a monetary claim being filed against the household and /or disqualification from participation in the Food Distribution Program.

1. Do not make false or misleading statements, misrepresent, conceal, or withhold facts regarding income, household size, and/or participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in order to obtain Food Distribution Program benefits which your household is not entitled to receive.
2. Do not misuse (e.g., trade or sell) USDA food.
3. Do not participate simultaneously in the SNAP Program and the Food Distribution Program.

INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATION (IPV) PENALTIES: If you or any member of your household knowingly and willingly violates the rules above it is considered an Intentional Program Violation (IPV). Household members determined to have committed an IPV will be ineligible to participate in the Food Distribution Program for a period of 12 months for the first violation, for a period of 24 months for the second violation; and permanently for the third violation. Individual(s) committing an IPV may be referred to authorities for prosecution.

AUTHORIZATION: I authorize the release of any necessary information or forms to the Food Distribution Office from individuals, businesses, schools, banking institutions, Federal/State/Tribal agencies needed to determine/verify my eligibility. I understand that this information will be used only for the purpose of helping to document my eligibility for Food Distribution benefits. This authorization is good for 12 months from the date signed or until revoked by me in writing.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I certify that I have read this application and that the information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must comply with Program rules and provide additional documentation if required, and that falsification of information on this form may be grounds for disqualification and/or claim action. I further understand that I must report within ten (10) calendar days after the change becomes known the following changes: a change in household size or composition; an increase in gross monthly income of more than \$100; a change in residence/address; when the household no longer incurs a shelter or utility expense; or a change in the legal obligation to pay child support.

Client verified he/she has read and understands his/her rights and responsibilities _____ (Staff Initials)

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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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, 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.

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