



Current program procedures request that all applicants be processed at one of the food distribution locations. We cannot process any applications without first having a face-to-face interview with you. Please see the back of this letter to find a location nearest to you. Clients are seen on a first come first serve basis.

Please bring all requested information with you on the day you apply. A caseworker will interview you at that time and determine your eligibility. The following documents are needed to determine your eligibility:

**CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) Card, Tribal Membership Card or Proof of Tribal Lineage**– Your file must contain proof of Tribal lineage for at least one household member.

**Social Security Cards** – We request you bring Social Security Cards for all household members.

**Address Verification** – Please bring current proof of your residency with your name and address on it, preferably a utility bill dated within the last 30 days.

**Income Verification** –All income coming into the household must be submitted with your application.

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 can work and is currently unemployed will need to register with the unemployment office or provide collateral statements from two non-relatives certifying the person in question is unemployed.

Students: Bring copies of your tuition, books and fees as well as verification of any grants or loans received.

Self-Employment: If you are self-employed please bring your most recent tax forms.

**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 to verify you are no longer receiving them.

**Hours of Operation**

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

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 service area of the Choctaw Nation Food Distribution Program to qualify for USDA Foods from the Choctaw Nation\*\*\***



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## CERTIFICATION OFFICE

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
**Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Thursdays**

## MARKETS

Open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
**Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Thursdays**

**\*\*Markets will close the last two days of each month for inventory\*\***

### **ANTLERS MARKET**

400 S.W. "O" ST.  
(580)298-6443  
(580)298-6445 **FAX**

### **DURANT MARKET**

2352 BIG LOTS PKWY  
(580) 924-7773  
(580)924-8119 **FAX**

### **POTEAU MARKET**

106 B Street  
(918) 649-0431  
1-800-522-6170  
Ext. 6440 or 6441  
(918)649-0435 **FAX**

### **BROKEN BOW MARKET**

109 CHAHTA ROAD  
(580) 584-2842  
(580) 584-2826 **FAX**

### **MCALESTER MARKET**

3244 AFULLOTA HINA  
(918) 420-5716  
1-800-522-6170  
Ext. 5210 or 5211  
(918) 420-5040 **FAX**

### **ADMIN OFFICE**

1-800-522-6170

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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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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Poteau, OK 74953  
580-642-6441 | 580-642-6440  
580-642-6443 | Fax 918-649-0435  
ptfood@choctawnation.com

**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.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				

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 System Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ DHS Helpdesk: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (paycheck 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 forms 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?



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**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.

- Are you Hispanic or Latino? Choose one of the following:  Yes *or*  No
- 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.

- 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.
- Do not misuse (e.g., trade or sell) USDA food.
- 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 willing 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)



**Attention: This page must be submitted with your completed application.**

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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