



Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Office of Community Services

2021 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Application Information Handout

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides low-income seniors with eligible fresh produce with the goal of improving their health and nutritional status. Each SFMNP participant will receive a book of coupons worth \$50.00 (ten \$5.00 coupons) to exchange for fresh, nutritious, and unprocessed locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from an authorized farmer or farmers' market (outlet).

How the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Works

1. **Apply.** Complete the enclosed SFMNP Application Form for each person in the household who qualifies for SFMNP benefits. **Applicants must be certified to participate each year. This is a VERY POPULAR program with very limited capacity. First come, first served! Apply as soon as possible after you receive this flyer.** The eligibility requirements are:

Categorical	You must be at least 60 years old
Maximum Annual Household Income	\$27,417 One Person
	\$37,074 Two Persons
	Add \$9,657 per additional household member (including children)
Residency	YOU MUST RESIDE in the county where you are applying for service

2. **Qualify.** Qualified participants will be sent a coupon booklet and a coupon handout, which includes a schedule of outlets where the coupons can be used.
3. **Shop.**
 - a. SFMNP coupons must be used by October 31, 2021;
 - b. Only SFMNP participants or authorized representatives (proxy) may use the SFMNP coupons. A proxy must be designated on the enclosed SFMNP Application Form. Use by anyone else is **ILLEGAL**;
 - c. Bring the coupon booklet to the farmers' market listed on the schedule of SFMNP farmers' market;
 - d. Authorized outlets will have a sign showing that they will accept SFMNP coupons;
 - e. No cash change may be given by the farmer. Please try to use the full \$5.00 amount of each coupon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AGENCY:

Oahu
Hawaii Foodbank, Inc.
 2611 Kilihau Street
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
 (808) 836-3600

**Hawaii County Economic
 Opportunity Council**
 47 Rainbow Drive
 Hilo, Hawaii 96720
 (808) 961-2681

**Maui Economic
 Opportunity**
 99 Mahalani Street
 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
 (808) 249-2990

Hawaii Foodbank - Kauai
 4241-A Hanahao Place
 Lihue, Hawaii 96766
 (808) 482-2087

**State of Hawaii – for information only –
 PLEASE DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS TO OCS:
 Office of Community Services**

830 Punchbowl Street, Room 420 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Call: (808) 586-8675 Email: dli.ocs@hawaii.gov Web: labor.hawaii.gov/ocs

YOUR SFMNP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Your Rights

As an applicant/participant of SFMNP you have the following rights to:

- Be treated with dignity, respect, and without discrimination.
- Be notified in writing, within 15 days of applying, if you are not determined eligible.
- Appeal an ineligibility decision if you feel that determination was made in error.
- Have information you provided kept private unless you request for it to be shared.
- Make a complaint if you feel you have not been treated fairly.
- Have clear directions of how and where to use the coupons you receive.
- Learn about other services that may be available to you. You may contact your local agency for services in your area.
- File a complaint with your local agency about improper farmer or farmers' market program practices.

Your Responsibilities

As an applicant/participant in SFMNP you have the following responsibilities:

- Funding for this program is very limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. **APPLY FOR YOUR COUPONS AS SOON AS YOU CAN. Do not wait!**
- Provide correct information, to the best of your knowledge, to determine eligibility.
- Giving false information and/or intentionally concealing facts could result in your paying back benefits or legal action.
- **It is ILLEGAL** to collect benefits more than once or at multiple distribution sites during a season. **TEN COUPONS** is the limit per person.
- Consume the fresh produce obtained through this program yourself.
- Safeguard the coupons you receive. Please report to your local agency if they are lost or stolen. Lost or stolen coupons will not be replaced.
- Redeem your coupons with authorized outlets by October 31, 2021.

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SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL AGENCY IN HAWAII.**

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