

Elderly Food Vouchers and Utility Program

During the COVID-19 State of Emergency on the Mescalero Reservation, the following procedures are in place, effective March 25, 2020, to more quickly provide food vouchers to Tribal elders who have an available balance on their Elderly Assistance Program Account

Tribal elders should call Tribal Accounting at 464-9251 and provide your name and the amounts of your individual utility bills that you plan on submitting. We will deduct the total utility bills cost to arrive at the net Food Voucher amount. If you prefer, you can also provide the utility bill information to the Mescalero Elderly Program at 464-1614 or in person during their in-home meal delivery and they will coordinate with Helen so that the Voucher can be prepared.

If the Tribal elder has an available balance on their Assistance Account, a Food Voucher will be prepared and provided to the Mescalero Elderly Program for delivery with their in-home meal service. There will be a log sheet to sign off on to acknowledge the receipt of the Food Voucher, so please be sure to sign off next to your name. Also, please provide, where available, the utility bill(s) to the Mescalero Elderly Program representative and they will deliver those to Tribal Administration / Tribal Accounting to ensure that your bills are paid.

Due to the restriction on the number of customers permitted in the Tribal Store at one time, and the possibility of shortages on certain food items, the Food Vouchers will be good until used to provide as much flexibility as possible, rather than only being good for the date of the Voucher.