



2018 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

-What is this Farmers' Market Program I heard about?

*The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has provided funds for Philadelphia's low-income older adults to receive \$20 in checks that can be spent at designated Farmers' Markets throughout Philadelphia. Seniors may receive these checks **once** this year. Checks must be spent by November 30, 2018.*

-Where can I get these checks?

See public distribution list for a full list of outreach sites, senior centers, and PCA distribution where you may receive the checks.

-What are the requirements to receive these checks?

To receive SFMNP checks in Philadelphia, you must:

- *be 60 years old by 12/31/17*
- *live in Philadelphia*
- *have a total 2017 **household** income of not more than:*

<i>\$22,459 (1 person)</i>	<i>\$30,451 (2 people)</i>
<i>\$38,443 (3 people)</i>	<i>\$46,435 (4 people)</i>

**Income requirements are subject to change.*
- ***have not already received checks yet this year***

***Note:** Income test is "self-declaratory". Each person declares they meet the income guideline when they sign for their checks.*

-Is any ID or proof of income required?

*YES, must have: proof of age - must have birthdate on it
 proof of address -must show they live in Phila.
Income requirement is "self-declaratory" – no proof required.*

-How many times can I get the checks?

*Each person can get checks **one time each year**.*

-Do married couples get one set of checks or two?

***Two.** These checks are meant for individuals. Married couples may each receive their own set of checks.*

-Can I pick up checks for someone else?

Yes, but first a Proxy Form must be completed and signed by senior you are getting checks for. Must bring YOUR ID and SENIOR'S ID when picking up checks.

-Where can I get the Proxy Form?

You can pick it up at any distribution site, including PCA's main office, as well as online at pcacares.org. In addition, the Helpline will mail Proxy forms upon request.

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-My neighbor is homebound and someone came and gave her checks. Why is that?

If your neighbor has a PCA Care Manager, they may have given her checks during a home visit for other services.

-Where are the markets located?

The farmers' markets are spread around the city. A list will be given to each senior who gets the checks. You may also access this list through PCA's website at pcacares.org.

-Do I have to spend all \$20 at once?

No, seniors will be receiving four-\$5.00 checks and can spend them however they wish, all at once or one, two or three at a time.

-Will I get change back if I spend less than \$5.00?

No, there will be no change given from these checks.

-Do I need to fill out any information on these checks?

No, all you need to do is sign the check on the front when you give it to the farmer at the market.

-Can the organization that I am associated with become a distribution site?

No, we are unable to add additional distribution sites, but they may potentially act as an outreach site. To inquire further on this please contact the PCA Special Projects Coordinator or a staff member from PCA's Program Management department.

-I have a complaint about a farmers' market where I went to spend my checks.

Please call the PA Dept. of Agriculture at 1-800-468-2433.

-I don't live in Philadelphia; can I pick up vouchers at one of your sites?

No, the vouchers we have are for Philadelphia residents only. You need to call the Office on Aging in your own county.

Montgomery County Aging & Adult Services – 610-278-3601

County of Delaware Area Office on Aging – 610-490-1300

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging – 267-880-5700

Chester County Dept. of Aging Services – 610-344-6350