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Eligible Seniors Can Apply for Senior Farmers' Market Coupons

Seniors who meet the eligibility guidelines, will soon be receiving some welcome relief from rising food budgets. Administered by The Area Agency on Aging 8 (AAA8), in the region, The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMPN) provides income-eligible senior citizens with special coupons worth $50 to enjoy locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey. The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMPN) is a USDA and Ohio Department of Aging program for income-eligible seniors.

In 2020, individuals are eligible for the Senior Farmers' Market if they are 60+ and have an annual household income of $23,107 or less as a single person or $31,284 or less for a household of two.

Each eligible senior receives $50 worth of coupons. Grant funding is limited and coupons are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each person will receive a total of ten $5 coupons. Coupons may only be redeemed by authorized participating farmers who sell produce at farmers' markets or roadside stands.

AAA8 will accept applications ONLY BY MAIL. Applications will be available across the region. Applications must be returned by U.S. mail to AAA8 1400 Pike Street, Marietta, OH 45750 postmarked no earlier than the following dates for counties in the region:

March 24 for Monroe County
March 31 for Noble Counties

Community partners who will also have copies of the applications include:
Monroe County Senior Center, Woodsfield, Ohio
and the Joyce M. Davis Senior Center, Caldwell, Ohio

Applications will be checked for the appropriate postmark, date-stamped and processed for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis, by county.

Coupons will be mailed to eligible applicants

Ineligible applicants will receive a letter indicating the reason of ineligibility. Once each county’s allocations have been filled, individuals will be placed on a waiting list and receive notification by mail.

Run in Journal the week of March 9 and 16.
Run in Beacon the week of March 9 and 16

The GMN Tri-County CAC is a private, non-profit, community action agency. The agency strives, in cooperating with business, labor, government, and community organizations, to improve the quality of life for low-income residents of Guernsey, Monroe, and Noble Counties. GMN CAC offers