

THE TULALP TRIBES OF WASHINGTON
GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - FOOD GIFT CARD/VOUCHERS
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Administration: The Tulalip Tribes of Washington's (the "Tribe" or "Tribes") General Welfare Assistance Program (the "Program") shall be administered by the Tribe's CEO Office.
2. Eligibility for benefits: Program benefits are available to all tribal members based upon age. Those tribal members aged 18 & over shall receive program benefits for housing, food and other unique needs of their household, regardless of income.
3. Benefits available when eligibility criteria satisfied: Program benefits are automatically provided to any Tribal member who satisfies the Program's eligibility criteria. Those tribal members aged 18 & over shall receive program benefits for housing, food and other unique needs of their household.

The Tribe may change the available program benefits from time to time, but such benefits shall always be available equally to all Tribal members aged 18 & over who satisfy the Program's eligibility criteria.

4. Non-discrimination policy: The Tribe's distribution of benefits under the Program shall not discriminate in favor of any person, including members of the Tribe's governing body.
5. Non-Compensation: The benefits provided under the Program shall not be granted as compensation for services.
6. Benefits for promotion of General Welfare: The benefits provided under the Program are intended to promote the general welfare of the Tribe by serving the following purposes:
 - a. To provide food and other welfare support to adult tribal members;
7. Allowed uses of General Welfare payments. The payments for general welfare can be used to purchase food for Tribal member households
8. Necessary expenditures. The General Welfare program supports Community based needs of tribal membership. Further, the General Welfare program started in response to the public health emergency. The Board of Directors interprets its General Welfare payment program as "necessary" expenditures and "the expenditure is reasonably necessary for its intended use in its reasonable judgement".
9. Chapter 16 of Tulalip Tribes Code. The General Welfare program shall conform with the General Welfare code codified in Chapter 16 of The Tulalip Tribes Code.
10. Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. The General Welfare program shall conform with the Internal Revenue Code Section 139E.
11. Effective Date: This Program Description and Eligibility Guidelines shall be effective as of March 2, 2020.

June 21st Distribution –No cards will be distributed before June 21st.

- \$460 gift cards will be distributed to Tribal member 18 years of age and older at the Gathering Hall on June 21st from 8:30 am to 1 pm.
 - Each adult Tribal member 18 years of age and older will receive one card only.
- If you do not pick up your gift card on June 21st, they will be available two ways
 - Pick at Finance Cashier's window at the Administration building on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to Noon
 - Certified Mail
 - Cards will be mailed or available at the window 1 week after application is received. Staff will call or email to let applicant know card can be picked up.
 - Cards will not be distributed the same day you turn in your application.
- An application must be completed to receive a gift card. Applications can be found at www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov and can be returned to caresact@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. Applications will begin being accepted on June 15st.
- Applications will not be accepted after July 23, 2021.