



*Well-being as we age*

## **2019 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***How does the program work?***

**Answer:** If older adults meet the eligibility requirements, they simply complete and submit a 2019 application. Applications are available from local senior centers, Homage Senior Services, and on our agency website [www.homage.org](http://www.homage.org)

Applications must be mailed to: **Senior Farmers Market Program, 5026 196<sup>th</sup> St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036** and postmarked by May 17, 2019 to be considered. All applications will be entered into a random selection process. Checks will be mailed to the selected applicants by June 28.

Selected applicants will receive 10 - \$4 checks (\$40 total) valid until October 31, 2019. These checks may be used at authorized farmers markets and farm stands to purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, honey, and herbs.

If your application was not selected, we will send you a postcard by July 8 letting you know.

### ***What are the eligibility requirements?***

**Answer:** In order to participate, the individual must meet the following requirements:

- Be 60 years of age or older by June 1, 2019 (or 55+ if Native American /Alaska Native)
- Be a resident of Snohomish County.
- Have a monthly income of:
  - \$1,926 or less if you live alone
  - \$2,607 or less for a household of two
  - add \$681 for each addition person in the household

### ***What if the older adult will turn 60 after June 1, 2019?***

**Answer:** The older adult must be 60 years of age at the time of application. If his/her birthday occurs between June 1 and October 31, they are welcome to

submit an application on his/her birthday, however, it is highly unlikely there will be any checks available after June 1.

***What if the individual is younger than 60, but disabled?***

**Answer:** We are sorry; to be eligible, individuals must be at least 60 years of age at the time of application.

***What if the individual lives with others and the household income is more than the eligible amount, but the individual receives \$1,926 or less themselves. Is the individual eligible?***

**Answer:** We are sorry; the income eligibility levels are based on the income of the entire household. If the combined household income is more than the amount listed above, the individual is not eligible.

***When/how will the checks be mailed?***

**Answer:** Checks will be mailed to the individuals selected in the random selection process by June 28.

***What if the older adult is homebound or too frail to redeem their checks?***

**Answer.** The older adult may designate someone to shop for him/her at the farmers market or farm stand.

***Where can older adults use the checks?***

**Answer:** A list of authorized farmers markets and farm stands will be included with the checks in the mail. It will also be posted on our website, [www.homage.org](http://www.homage.org)

***What about lost or stolen checks?***

**Answer:** Be very careful when handling these checks – they are just like cash! Unfortunately, we are not able to replace lost or stolen checks. Please forward information regarding lost/stolen checks because we monitor to see if they have been redeemed.