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## SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

**APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE** 

All sections of the application must be completed; if a section does not apply to your household, enter "N/A."

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\*If additional space to list employment information is needed please attach information to the back of this application.

## INCOME RECEIVED MONTHLY

List the amount of income received monthly in column two by the source of income listed in column one. If income is listed in column one then the documents listed in column three are required if applicable. Column three lists the required documents of the various income sources listed in column one. **Forms,** in bold, are available in the Community Assistance Office or online with the application. The Community Assistance Office can notarize required documents below.

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Column One	Column Two	<u>Column Three</u> Client will also have the option to use 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Verification if source is not available or more information is required to clarify income and assets. The client is responsible for any costs associated with the completion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Verifications. <i>The Deposit and Dental Programs require 3<sup>rd</sup> party verifications.</i>
Employment	\$	<b>Provide Pay Stubs.</b> All adults (18 years of age or older) in the household who are currently claiming no income, must sign and notarize a <b>Verification of No Monthly Income</b> form
AFDC/TANF/ (Cash Assistance)	\$	AFDC/TANF (Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Printout or current decision letter from the Department of Children and Families. <u>Provide Decision Notice or Printout</u>
Social Security, SSI, SSDI, Pensions (VA, Military, Retirement)	\$	Provide a copy of current year Award or Benefit Statement. A statement is required for <u>each</u> household member receiving benefits. (Provide current year award letters)
Unemployment Compensation	\$	All adults (18 years of age or older) in the household who are currently receiving unemployment, must sign and have notarized a <b>DEO/AWI</b> (form).
Alimony/ Child Support	\$	Divorce Decree or Court Order and child support and/or alimony payment schedule if applicable, (must show Child Support); <u>or</u> Provide a notarized letter from the person paying support; only if the support is not court ordered; <u>or</u> Provide a printout from the court or government agency through which payments are being made. (Last 6 months print out is required for deposits and dental programs).
FOOD STAMP ASSISTANCE	\$	Monthly food stamp assistance from the State of Florida for single adults and families.
Business or Rental Net Income	\$	Provide a copy of profit and loss statement; and provide the business bank statements.
Workmen's Compensation	\$	Provide documentation from employer of amount and frequency of workmen's compensation.
Short- or Long- Term Disability	\$	Provide documentation from employer of amount and frequency of disability compensation.
Recurring Contributions and Gifts	\$	Provide a letter stating the amount and frequency of payment from the bank, attorney, or a trustee providing required verification; <u>or</u> A <b>Verification of Recurring Cash Contributions</b> (form) must be completed by the payee.
Other	\$	Please provide documents of all other source of income in the household.
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## EXPENSES PAID MONTHLY

Childcare or Child Support Payments	\$ Car Insurance	\$
All Loan(s) other than Car, Real Estate, Mortgage and Student Loans	\$ Medical	\$
Rent, Real Estate & Mortgage Loans	\$ Food	\$
Electric & Water & Gas	\$ Gas (Automobile)	\$
Phone – (Including Cell Phone & Cable)	\$ All Credit Cards	\$
Car Payment(s)	\$ Student Loan(s) Other	\$

### ASSETS AND ASSET INCOME

For ALL Household Members, Including Minors, List Checking and Savings Accounts, Paycards, IRA, CD, Bonds, Stocks, Equity in Properties, Whole Life Insurance, Pensions, etc. All adults (18 years of age or older) in the household who do not have a financial account, must sign a Verification of No Financial Accounts (form). (Please provide the last 6 months of Bank Statements or benefit statements for Deposit and Dental cases only)

Type of Asset	Financial Institution	Account #
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

\*If additional space to list assets is needed please attach information to the back of this application.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Please read and answer all questions below, additional documents are required for questions with an aster <b>Forms,</b> in bold, are available in the Community Assistance Office or online with the application.	erisk *.	
*Are you an employee or related to an employee of Seminole County Government? If yes, please list the relationship:	□Yes	□No
CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY:		
Are you a U.S. citizen? (If yes, skip the next question)	□Yes	□No
*If no, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.? (If yes, a copy of the resident card must be provided.)	□Yes	□No
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS: *Is this a Section 8, Subsidized, TBRA or Public Housing Rental?	□Yes	□No
*Note: Rent and Utility assistance cannot be provided to customers who have Section 8, TBRA, Shelter Plus a Housing Authority	Care or a	re with
Are you homeless?	□Yes	□No
If yes, what are your current living arrangements?   homeless shelter/facility  other, please state:		
HEALTH:		
Do you have Dental Insurance or a discount plan/policy?	□Yes	□No
Do you have Vision Insurance or a discount plan/policy?	□Yes	□No
Do you have Medicaid Insurance?	□Yes	□No
Do you have Medicare Insurance?	□Yes	□No
EDUCATION		
Are you a high school graduate?	□Yes	□No
If yes, year of graduation: If no, highest grade completed:	_	
Please list any college degrees or vocational training you have completed:		
Is Applicant, Co-Applicant, or any other household member 18 or older a full-time student?	□Yes	□No
EMPLOYMENT:		
Are you currently seeking employment?	□Yes	□No
If no, explain:		
VETERAN:		
Are you a Veteran or Spouse/Dependent of a Veteran?	□Yes	□No
If yes to either question, may our Veteran Service Officer contact you?	□Yes	□No

#### REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS:

Hearing impaired: Do you need TTD/TDY access to our staff?

Do you require accommodations for a disability?

□Yes □No

□Yes □No

If yes, what accommodations do you need?

Please complete if applying for the Training Program only:								
Institution Name:		Program Name:						
This Program will enable me to (circle one): Attain Employment Maintain Employment Increase Income and/or					Income and/or			
Benefits			-			-		
Anticipated Enrollment Date: Anticipated Graduation Date:				ion Date:				
Tuition Amount: \$		Cost of Books:	\$		Cost of Trainin Supplies:	ng	\$	

We collect personal information directly from you for reasons that are discussed in our privacy statement. We may be required to collect some personal information by law or by organizations that give us money to operate this program. Other personal information that we collect is important to run our programs, to improve services for homeless individuals, and to better understand the need of homeless individuals. We only collect information that we consider to be appropriate.

I/we understand that Florida Statute 817 provides that willful false statements or misrepresentation concerning income; asset or liability information relating to financial condition is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by fines and imprisonment provided under Statutes 775.082 and 775.083. I/we further understand that any willful misstatement of information will be grounds for disqualification. I/we certify that the application information provided is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we consent to the disclosure of information for the purpose of income verification related to making a determination of my/our eligibility for program assistance. I/we agree to provide any documentation needed to assist in determining eligibility and are aware that all information and documents provided are a matter of public record. I/we further understand that if any misrepresentation or fraudulent statement is discovered after assistance has been provided, the County will demand and pursue through all legal remedies available, repayment of the funds provided for the assistance that was provided. The understands that providing false representations herein constitutes an act of fraud. **Applicants that knowingly provide false, misleading or incomplete information will result in denial of application and barred from services from this office. \*The Applicant and Co-Applicant must sign below.** 

Applicant Signat	ture	Date	Co-Ap	plicant Signature	Date	9	
Other Adult Member Sign Your Name			Other	Other Adult Member Sign Your Name			
		THIS SECTION	FOR OFFICI	AL USE ONLY			
PROGRAM		□EHEAP □CDBG	□ ESGP □CSBG	□SCU □EFSP	□ADDI □TBRA		
Staff Signature:							
Supervisor Signature:							
Service Approved:							
Award Amount:							
Denied:							
Reason:							

## SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

## Please print information, do not use white-out.

I	1	the	undersigned,	hereby	authorize
	to release by third p	artv. witho	ut liability, informatio	n	

### (Leave this line blank, agency to complete)

in regards to employment, income, residency, dependency, or claims of loss or other confidential information pertaining to me and/or assets to the Seminole County Community Assistance Office, for the purposes of verifying information provided as part of determining eligibility for assistance under this application for assistance. I understand that only information necessary for determining eligibility can be requested. <u>This</u> <u>authorization is valid up to one year from date signed.</u>

#### **TYPES OF INFORMATION TO BE VERIFIED:**

I/We understand that previous or current information regarding me/us may be required. Verifications that may be requested are, but not limited to: employment history, hours worked, salary and payment frequency, commissions, raises, bonuses, and tips; cash held in checking/savings accounts, stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit, Individual Retirement Accounts, interest, dividends; payments from Social Security/SSI, annuities, insurance policies, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, unemployment, disability or worker's compensation, welfare assistance, net income from the operation of a business, and alimony or child support payments.

#### Organizations/individuals who may be asked to provide written/oral verifications are, but not limited to:

Past and Present Employers Past and Present Landlords *(including Public Housing Agencies-TBRA/Section 8)* Support and Alimony Providers Hospitals/Doctors/Pharmacies/Clinics Funeral Homes and Crematories Welfare Agencies/Other Social Service Agencies and Non Profit Agencies State Unemployment Agencies Social Security Administration Utility Companies Veterans Administration Retirement Systems Banks and other Financial Institutions Religious Organizations

## **CONDITIONS:**

I/We agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. I/We understand I/we have a right to review this file and correct any information found to be incorrect.

Applicant Sign Your Name	Print Your Name	Date	
Co-Applicant Sign Your Name	Print Your Name	Date	
Other Adult Member Sign Your Name	Print Your Name	Date	
Other Adult Member Sign Your Name	Print Your Name	Date	
Note: This general con	sent may not be used to request a copy of	a tax return or medical records.	







## HARDSHIP LETTER (Explanation of Loss of Income)

To qualify for rent, mortgage, or utility assistance, your household must have experienced a documented financial hardship within the last 6 months that is not the result of criminal activity. If applying for deposit, dental, training, or day camp assistance, please explain why your household needs assistance.

Applicant Signature

Date

Assistance will be provided according to the program eligibility requirements and the availability of funding; some restrictions apply. This program is open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status, or religion. All Seminole County programs are on a first come, first completed basis. Those who supply the Program with all the information needed to process their application while funds are available will be processed first.

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Our office is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All customers applying for assistance must attend an Orientation in-house or view on-line. In-House Orientation is offered two times per week, with the exception of Seminole County observed holidays.

## **ORIENTATION:**

Monday and Wednesday at 8:15 a.m.

Check in time is 8:00 am.-8:15 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Doors close promptly at 8:15 a.m.

Only 24 customers accepted in each orientation, each customer will be given 15 minutes screening appointments before orientation starts based on the order they sign in. Customers must be back at least 15 minutes before their schedule screening appointment. Customers may also apply online at <a href="http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/apply4help">www.seminolecountyfl.gov/apply4help</a>.

Seminole County Community Assistance/Housing & Financial Assistance - 534 West Lake Mary Blvd - Sanford, FL 32773 Ph: 407-665-2300 Fax: 407-665-2358



## **Community Assistance Web** In-House

## **Application Document Check List**

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Nam	e:	Case #:	_ Orientation / Web App Date:
Addr	ress:		_ Screened Date:
Maili	ing:		_
	e Manager:		_ Rescreened Date:
Last	Date Customer has to Return Highlighted Pe	nding Documents	Return Date:
Case	e Manager has 10 Business Days (not including spond to customer with status of case.		Response Date:
	on U.S. Birth Certificate) If any household member is not a US Citizen, you must p mentation of Residency	assports, Military IDs are not acce ting your name and social security cate (a valid U.S. Passport, Voter th certificate is not available) a ID or Driver's License, or any of	ptable forms of identification y number for all household members 's Registration card-for applicable programs only, or a ther documentation being submitted does not match name
	Current Mortgage Statement/or Proof of Ownership <u>or</u> Current Valid Lease Agreement <u>and</u> utility addendum if Current Utility Bill within last 30 days (electric, water or Homeless customers must provide signed, affidavit of h Letter from agency/church or facility on signed Court eviction within the last 12 months to sho	gas showing name and address) omeless status in Seminole Cour d company letterhead verifying ho	nty <u>AND</u>
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	Proof of All Household Income-Please provide all that	apply to your household	

Please note: The CSBG Program (Training, Day Camp and Extended Day) require the last 90 days of income for the household. The Deposit and Dental Program required Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) party verifications. If third party verifications are unavailable, proof of the last 6 months of income and assets are required for these programs. Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance programs requires the last 90 days of income. Verification of Employment Income: Paystubs for the last 90 days for all household members currently employed

- Verification of Assets: All pages of Bank Statements/Pay Card/Debit Card statements for the last 6 months for all accounts (\*transaction histories are not acceptable-statement must show beginning and ending balance for period covered) if applying for Dental and Deposit only.
- Verification of Unemployment Benefits: Provide an approval letter from unemployment compensation with a printout of benefits being paid from local or out of State benefits.
- Verification of Social Security Income: Current year Social Security Awards letter for all SSDI, SSI, and Social Security benefits for all household members receiving the income
- Verification of Self employment income: provide last 3 months of business bank accounts, last 3 months of profit/loss statement, and last year tax return
- Verification of child Support (Required for all households with minor children not living with both biological parents) Print out from Child Support Enforcement, Clerk of the Court, or Department of Revenue website showing the last 90 days of payments or Court Order or if support is not court order, payee provides a notarized statement of monthly support paid or proof from Child Support Enforcement or the Clerk of the Court that you are not currently receiving child support. Last 6 months print out is required for Dental and Deposit Program if Court Order is not available.
- Verification of Alimony or Separation Payments-court order or check stubs showing the last 90 days of payment
- Verification of Pension, Retirement and Annuities-last 90 days of check stubs or letter from company on signed company letterhead verifying the monthly benefit received.
- Verification of Income from Military Service-LES (Leave & Earning Statement)
- Verification of Veterans Administration Benefits-letter from VA verifying monthly benefit received.
- □ Verification of Recurring Cash Contributions-form must be completed by person providing household with monthly support
- Verification of No Monthly Income (Must be completed and notarized by all household members 18 and older claiming no monthly income)



# **Community Assistance Web** In-House

## **Application Document Check List**

- Verification of No Financial Accounts (Must be completed and notarized by all household members 18 and older claiming no financial/bank account)
- Public Assistance Verification: TANF (cash assistance) / Food Stamps Decision Letter or print out from DCF showing last 90 days of payments (benefits history page) or 6 months for Deposit and Dental Programs
- Verification of Worker's Comp or Short/Long Term Disability-last 90 days of paystubs or paperwork on signed company letterhead verifying the amount of the weekly benefit and how long the benefit will last

#### □ Third Party Verification Forms:

- Verification of Employment (VOE) Form
- Verification of Deposit (VOD) Form
- □ Verification of Pension, Annuities, Employment Disability Form
- Recurring Cash Payment

#### Documentation of Financial Hardship (Required for Rent, Mortgage or Utility Assistance) within the last 6 months

Please provide proof of a documented financial hardship within the last 6 months that is not the result of a criminal activity.

#### Documentation of On-going Management (Sustainability- Required for Rent, Mortgage, Deposit and Utility Assistance)

- Proof of new or continued employment- Statement from new or current employer on signed company letterhead verifying date you will start employment or return to employment, rate of pay, and hours worked weekly.
- Unemployment Approval- Unemployment approval decision letter verifying weekly benefits amount, and print out of benefits paid (Bank statements or pay card printout)

#### Additional Documents Required for Specific Service Requested

#### Mortgage

- Current Mortgage Statement
- Completed mortgage release form authorizing Seminole County to contact Mortgage Company.
- Rent
  - □ If applying for 1st month's rent, the eviction must have occurred in Seminole County and show copy of Court Eviction Notice within the last 12 months.
- Utility (must be in the name of customer or other adult in household)-Electric, Water, and Gas Only
  - Past Due or Current Utility Bill (original or electronic bill required \* note: account/statement summaries not accepted)
  - Cut Off Notice (Disconnection notice not acceptable)

#### Dental

Original Written Dental Referral from Licensed Dentist within the last 6 months

#### Deposit Program

- Household must provide documentation of either being homeless or in danger of becoming homeless as a result of the inability to pay security and/or utility deposits when seeking residence in rental housing by providing one of the following documents;
  - Court eviction within the last year; or
  - Foreclosure notification within the last year; or
  - o Documentation from City or County Code Enforcement stating current housing is substandard housing; or
  - Notice of no lease renewal from landlord; or
  - o Proof the household has been residing in an extended stay hotel/motel for 7 days; or
  - Referral from a homeless shelter or agency/church on signed agency letterhead;
    - In addition, domestic violence shelter referrals must provide a denial letter for victims crime compensation funding
- Rental unit must be located within Seminole County;
- D Monthly rent charged on the unit cannot exceed the current fair market rent (FMR) for Seminole County;
- □ Monthly rent charged on the unit must be at or below 30% of the household's maximum income level.

#### Training Program

- Derivide acceptance letter for an Approved Workforce Central Florida Training Program dated within the last 30 days; and
- □ Provide a copy of class schedule; and
- Derivide a copy of financial aid documentation from school; and
- Provide an invoice for program tuition, books and training supplies (Please note: Seminole County will pay the vendor directly).

Other Documents: