



June 28, 2023

Dear Legislators and Staff of Erie County PA;

The Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) is announcing that the GECAC Erie County Area Agency on Aging will be distributing \$50 in vouchers for the purchase of Pennsylvania produce through the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). The program is intended to encourage more seniors to incorporate fruit and vegetables into their diets. The vouchers were made possible by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. GECAC is the designated provider of \$187,500 worth of fruits and vegetables to 3,750 Erie County seniors through this program.

To be eligible, a senior must be an Erie County resident, 60 years of age or older in 2023 and meet the income guidelines. Income eligibility is based on the total household income and on the number of people living in a household.

1 person - \$26,973	5 people - \$65,009
2 people - \$36,482	6 people - \$74,518
3 people - \$45,991	7 people - \$84,027
4 people - \$55,500	8 people - \$93,536

Eligible seniors may receive vouchers, **while supplies last**, through the community distribution events as listed below. Seniors are to go to the location closest to their home. Seniors are asked to show proof of age and residency (not income) at the distribution site (driver's license, PA ID, Birth Certificate, current utility bill other official mailing with address).

Eligible seniors may ONLY receive vouchers one time in the program year of 2023. This information will be verified when vouchers are received.

Location		Date/Time
Bayfront Convention Center	1 Sassafras Pier, Erie	07/21 9 to 4 PM
GECAC North East Sr. Center	50 E. Main St., North East	07/24 9 to 3 PM
GECAC Tri-Boro Sr. Center	7555 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview	07/24 9 to 3 PM
GECAC Northwestern Sr. Ctr.	9 Academy St., Albion	07/28 9 to 3 PM
GECAC Union City Sr. Center	27 Johnson St., Union City	07/28 9 to 3 PM
GECAC Corry Sr. Center	25 S. First Ave., Corry	07/31 9 to 3 PM

For questions and information about voucher availability after the community distribution events, seniors may call the closest GECAC Senior Center or 814-459-4581 Ext. 400:

North East (814) 725-5195	Erie West (814) 451-5634	Corry (814) 664-2477
RBW Central City (814) 451-5633	Union City (814) 438-2146	Tri-Boro (814) 474-2211
Northwestern (814) 756-5373		

Seniors may appoint someone else (Proxy) to pick-up their vouchers for them. A Proxy Form must be received in advance of the date, be completed in full, and signed and brought to the distribution site. **Proof of age and address for the senior must be presented by the proxy, as well, the proxy will need to show their own ID.** Proxy forms may be accessed on the GECAC website, picked up from any of the GECAC Senior Centers, the Main GECAC Office, 18 W. 9th Street in Erie, or, they may be mailed upon request. **Proxy's may not proxy for more than four (4) seniors.** Call 459-4581, ext. 400 for more details if needed.

To learn more about GECAC's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program or to access a Proxy Form, please go to our website at www.gecac.org, or, (814) 459-4581 Ext. 400.

Please accept our gratitude for your past and future support to assist our community seniors with accessing information about the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program information. Your time and help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Malone".

Kimberly Malone, Director of Center Services
GECAC Area Agency on Aging

CC: Matthew Trott, GECAC Area Agency on Aging Division Manager
Raymond Maholtz, GECAC Area Agency on Aging Deputy Director