



# MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE SOUTH FORK & SALT FIRE/FLOODING RELIEF PROGRAM

## Policies & Procedures

- A. Purpose.** To provide financial assistance to Tribal members suffering from the South Fork & Salt Fires/Flooding.
- B. Source of Funding.** This Program is funded by donations received by the Tribe through donations in the form of cash and gift cards.
- C. Limitation & Termination of Program.** Each eligible household may apply for and receive assistance under this Program one time only. Once assistance is provided to a household, no other person from such household may apply for assistance. This Program will terminate when all donations are expended.
- D. Eligibility.** Assistance under this Program is open to each household:
1. Located within the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation (the “Reservation”) and subject to a mandatory evacuation order issued by the Tribe or federal authority because of the South Fork & Salt Fires/Flooding; specifically; mandatory evacuations were ordered for: Botella Road, Fantasy Lane, Apache Summit, Snow Springs, Bear Canyon, Fence Canyon, Whitetail, Chihuahua Well, and residences located along Highway 70 between Apache Summit and the east Reservation line; and
  2. Located outside of the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, where the head of household is a Tribal member, subject to a mandatory evacuation order issued by a federal or state authority because of the South Fork & Salt Fires/Flooding; specifically, mandatory evacuations were ordered for: Village of Ruidoso; Village of Ruidoso Downs; Upper Canyon; Brady Canyon; Ponderosa Heights; Alpine Village; Cedar Creek; Alto Lakes; Sonterra 1, 2, and 3; Alto (up to Outlaw Golf Course); West Gavilan; Sun Valley; Sierra Vista; Villa Madonna; Ski Run Road; all areas west of Highway 48; all of Gavilan Canyon Road from Highway 48 to McDonald’s; and
  3. Each household located in the Pena area without power for a significant time; specifically, the address of the Applicant must be listed by Otero County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) as having had no power as a result of the South Fork & Salt Fires/Flooding.
- E. Amount of Assistance.** Each eligible household will receive:
1. For evacuees: \$250.00 (Check); and
  2. Pena Residents:



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- a. Two \$50.00 Albertson's Gift Cards (total value of \$100.00 per household) (to be distributed first), or
- b. One \$100.00 MasterCard Gift Cards (to be distributed after all Albertson's Gift Cards are distributed).

### **F. Application for Assistance**

1. Each applicant must complete and submit the Application attached to these Policies & Procedures. Only one Application may submitted per household.
2. Applications must be submitted to the Front Desk at Tribal Administrative Offices, 108 Central Avenue, Mescalero, New Mexico or via mail to P.O. Box 227, Mescalero, New Mexico 88340, email to [tcochise@mescaleroapachetribe.com](mailto:tcochise@mescaleroapachetribe.com), or facsimile to (575) 464-9191 by 4:30 P.M. on July 31, 2024.
3. Incomplete Applications will be deemed ineligible and denied.
4. To prove the Applicant's residency, each Applicant may submit a copy of a utility bill dated within sixty (60) days prior to June 17, 2024. If an Applicant does not have a copy of his or her utility bill, then the Applicant must submit copies of two of the following documents: driver's license, tribal or state identification, lease agreement, mortgage document, other mail dated within sixty (60) days prior to June 17, 2024, receipt for payment of utilities, or affidavit attesting to residency signed by the Applicant under penalty of perjury. The utility bill or other documents must show the name of the Applicant and a physical address within the areas listed above.



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**Application for Assistance**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Please refer to this Program’s Policies & Procedures for eligibility requirements.
2. This Application must be COMPLETE. **You MUST attach 1) a utility bill showing your name and dated within the sixty (60) days prior to June 17, 2024; or 2) two of the alternate documents listed in the Program’s Policies & Procedures. \*\*\*INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED\*\*\***
3. This Application *must be returned* by 4:30 P.M. on July 31, 2024. For evacuees, to receive payment on a Friday, this Application must be submitted by the immediately preceding Tuesday. **\*\*\*APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY ASAP \*\*\* APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE DENIED\*\*\***
4. You may submit your completed application as follows: in person at Tribal Administrative Offices, by mail to P.O. Box 227, Mescalero, NM 88340; by email to [tcochise@mescaleroapachetribe.com](mailto:tcochise@mescaleroapachetribe.com); or by facsimile to (575) 464-9191.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BELOW SECTIONS:

Full Name of Applicant:	Tribal Census #:
Mailing Address (required):	Phone #:
Physical Address (required):	

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name of Applicant), certify that I meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Program’s Policies and Procedures. Further, I certify that the information contained above is true and accurate.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE & COMPLETE? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

APPROVED? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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**AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of applicant), do hereby affirm that I am the head of the household that resided at \_\_\_\_\_ (insert physical address) on June 17, 2024. Further, I hereby affirm that my residency, stated above, was subject to a mandatory evacuation order or lost power due to the South Fork & Salt Fires/Flooding event.

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare and affirm that the above-stated facts, to the best of my knowledge, are true and correct. I understand that any false statements made in this affidavit may subject me to legal penalties.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Printed Name of Applicant