ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2020 2021



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NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 14, 2021



Please follow the instructions below (and on the other side of this sheet) so that your application can be processed as soon as possible. <u>If any item is missing</u>, it's likely your application will be put on hold!

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IF YOU HAVE A DISCONNECT NOTICE OR YOUR ELECTRICITY/GAS IS ALREADY OFF, PLEASE CALL $317.842.2603\,x205$ AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ENERGY ASSISTANCE .

APPOINTMENTS will be scheduled beginning November 1. All appointments will be curbside (remain in your vehicle and call in upon arrival).

If not in disconnect, applications will be processed on a first received basis. Please allow 55 days for processing.

Complete <u>both pages</u> of the application listing <u>all</u> household members. Failure to include all persons living in your household is considered <u>fraud</u> which can result in a denial of assistance or repayment of any assistance received.

Be sure to SIGN your application.

If you were <u>divorced or separated</u> within the 3 months prior to your application, then you will need to provide a divorce decree or complete a Declaration of Absent Household Members.

If any member of the household is a veteran, provide documentation such as a DD Form 214 or a Veterans Administration Identification Card (VIC) among other options.

Complete & sign the Energy Education Survey and return with the application.

Use the checklist on the next page to make certain you turn in all necessary documentation with your application. Please DO NOT MAIL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS OR ID'S! ► COPIES ONLY.

Do You Qualify for Recertification?

Households with fixed income may recertify for EAP without providing documentation that is usually necessary for the application. To qualify for recertification, you must be able to answer *yes* to all three of these questions:

• Did you send in a full EAP application (all documents) and receive an EAP benefit within the past two years?

For example, you would be eligible for recertification for the 2020-2021 program year if you sent in a full application and received a benefit for the 2019-2020 program year or 2018-2019 program year.

• Are the members in your household the same?

You would be eligible for recertification if the members of your household are the same as the last time you sent in an application and were approved for EAP.

• Is your <u>only</u> source of income Social Security, Veteran's Benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Retirement Pension/Annuity?

If you are on a fixed income and have only Social Security, Veterans Benefits, SSI or retirement income, and you have had only small or cost-of-living changes in your income since the last time you sent in an application and were approved for EAP, then you will qualify for recertification. No one in your household may be working. If there is a household member who has income from a job, self-employment, some other income source, or zero income, you will need to send in a complete application with all supporting documents.

If you can answer yes to all three (3) questions, you qualify for recertification for up to two (2) years. You must resubmit all your documents every third year. To recertify:

- Complete the EAP application, sign the application and return it to us. Be sure the application is signed and dated.
- Include current utility bills. This is to ensure that your benefit will be applied to the correct account.

As usual, you will receive confirmation of your approval or denial through the mail for this process.



COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure your application includes all documents and will be accepted for processing.

1. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS CONFIRMED

Copy of Social Security cards for all household members. The following can also be submitted as SS# documentation: State Issued Real ID, Passport, Current W-2 or 1099, Social Security Benefit Statement. MEDICARE CARDS DO NOT INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER SO THESE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

2. PHOTO ID NECESSARY

FOR THE PERSON THAT SIGNED THE APPLICATION.

3. INCOME: We must have one or more of the following for all household members who are age 18 and older

Three months-gross income for the previous three months. (check stubs for all jobs held during this time period).

A letter from your employer (on Business Letterhead stating time period of employment and gross wages earned that is **signed** by the employer. If receiving Unemployment Benefits, please complete a Dept. of Workforce Development release form so we can request a Last Known Employer report. If neither of the first two items are available, (even if only missing one month) the Zero Income Verification Affidavit must be completely filled out and signed. If an 18 yr. old in the household is still in school, please provide the school schedule. If self-employed or have rental income etc., please submit your **2020 or 2021** 1040 Federal Tax Form, schedule 1, and schedule C or SE (**SIGNED**).

4. IF YOU ARE RENTING AND ONE OR BOTH OF YOUR UTILITIES ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR RENT, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS NECESSARY:

A Landlord/Housing Affidavit must be completed by the landlord.

A current, signed lease will be accepted if the landlord is not able/willing to complete the Landlord Affidavit.

5. CURRENT UTILITY BILLS:	Gas	Electric	Bulk fuel statement
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Energy Assistance Program Application - Program Year 2021

Good Samaritan
NETWORK 2

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The Weatherization program provides energy conservation measures to redu Hoosiers across the state. Would your household be interested in a referral	
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 Proof of income for the past three (3) months for each household member age 18 do Most recent full electric bill, including name, service address, and account number Most recent full gas or bulk fuel bill or account statement, including name, service If you rent your home and electric and/or heating utilities are included in your rent, and signed by your landlord or an authorized designee or a complete lease signed your benefit to be paid via direct deposit, please contact your local service a Your local service provider's referral form. If you have any questions regarding acceptable documentation, please 	or delivery address, and account number. please include a Landlord Affidavit completed within the past 24 months. If you would like gency for an ACH Authorization form. contact your local service provider listed on the
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Disclaimer: I certify under the penalties for perjury and fraud that the information professor that I may be required to verify these statements and hereby give my consent to the contact with any necessary persons to verify these statements. I am a resident of In Weatherization Assistance Program(s). I acknowledge any services or materials professor payment by me. I give permission to the State of Indiana and the agency from which may energy supplier, including about my energy usage and payment history. I underprovided on this form for purposes of research, evaluation and analysis. I also underprovided on this form to see if I qualify for any other assistance programs. I hereby mother entity from any liability whatsoever resulting from delivery of these activities concerning my receipt of these services. I also acknowledge that if I misreprese application, I may become ineligible from receiving Energy Assistance and/or Weat assistance and/or benefits that I have received based on any services. I also acknowledge that if I misreprese application, I may become ineligible from receiving Energy Assistance and/or Weat assistance Program benefits are provided without regard to race, a ancestry, or status as a veter.	e agency from which I am requesting assistance to make diana and an applicant for the Energy Assistance and/or vided to my household will be a gift without consideration ich I am requesting assistance to obtain information from derstand that the State of Indiana may use information derstand that the State of Indiana may use information elease the State of Indiana, the Local Service Provider or s. I have received no expressed or implied warranties nt or fail to disclose any information requested in this therization Assistance and may be required to repay any such misrepresentation or omission.
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El programa de climatización ofrece medidas de ahorro de energía para reducir los montos de públicos de los residentes de Indiana con bajos ingresos en el estado. ¿Estaría su hogar interoprograma?							
Por favor cerciórese de rellenar totalmente cada pági Anexe e incluya todos los documentos de apoyo necesarios. Esto							
 Copia de la tarjeta del Seguro Social de cada miembro del hogar. Se puede usar una identificación real o un pasaporte de EE. UU. Identificación con foto emitida por el estado/gobierno federal de la persona que firma esta solicitud. Prueba de ingresos en los últimos (3) meses de cada miembro del hogar con 18 años de edad o más. Factura eléctrica más reciente, con nombre, dirección del servicio y número de cuenta. Factura completa más reciente de gas o combustible a granel, con nombre, dirección de servicio o entrega y número de cuenta. Si vive alquilado y los servicios públicos de electricidad y/o calefacción están incluidos en su alquiler, por favor incluya una declaración jurada del propietario y firmada por su propietario o un designado autorizado o un contrato de alquiler completo firmado en los últimos 24 meses. Si desea que sus beneficios se le paguen en un depósito directo, por favor contacte a su agencia de servicios local para solicitar un formulario de autorización de ACH. Formulario de referencia de su proveedor de servicios local. 							
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Exención de responsabilidad: Certifico bajo pena de perjurio y fraude que la información Entiendo que se me puede exigir que verifique estas declaraciones, y por la presente doy ayuda para que se ponga en contacto con las personas necesarias para verificar estas de solicitante del programa(s) de ayuda de energía y/o climatización. Reconozco que cualqui	mi consentimiento a la agencia a la que solicito colores. Soy un residente de Indiana y un						

Exención de responsabilidad: Certifico bajo pena de perjurio y fraude que la información provista en esta solicitud es correcta y verdadera. Entiendo que se me puede exigir que verifique estas declaraciones, y por la presente doy mi consentimiento a la agencia a la que solicito ayuda para que se ponga en contacto con las personas necesarias para verificar estas declaraciones. Soy un residente de Indiana y un solicitante del programa(s) de ayuda de energía y/o climatización. Reconozco que cualquiera de los servicios o materiales proporcionados a mi hogar serán donaciones sin consideración o pago de mi parte. Permito al estado de Indiana y a la agencia donde solicito la ayuda obtener información de mi suplidor de energía, incluyendo aquella sobre mi uso de la energía e historial de pago. Entiendo que el estado de Indiana pude usar la información provista en este formulario para investigar, evaluar y analizar lo pertinente. También entiendo que el estado de Indiana puede usar la información provista en este formulario para ver si califico para otros programas de ayuda. Por la presente eximo al estado de Indiana, al proveedor de servicios local, u otra entidad, de cualquier responsabilidad que resulte en la ejecución de estas actividades. No he recibido ningunas garantías expresas o implícitas relacionadas con la recepción de estos servicios. También reconozco que si doy una información falsa o no divulgo cualquier información requerida en esta solicitud, puedo no ser elegible para recibir asistencia con la energía y/o climatización, y se me puede pedir que devuelva cualquier ayuda y/o beneficios recibidos en base a tal información falsa u omisión.

Los beneficios del Programa de ayuda de energía se otorgan sin distinción de raza, edad, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, origen nacional, ancestros o estatus de veterano (exmiembro de las fuerzas armadas).

Firma de la persona que rellena este formulario (se requiere)	Fecha (se requiere)

Energy Assistance Program Income Verification Affidavit
This form is to be completed by anyone claiming zero income or undocumented income

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OUCC Fast Facts

Reduce Your Energy Bills

Contact your electric utility & find out if you qualify for a home energy assessment. That's the quickest way to find steps to save energy & money around the home. The following tips can help, too.

1.

Throughout the Home

- Unplug cell phone chargers, electronics, & small appliances when you're not using them. Advanced power strips can help greatly.
- An electricity usage monitor will show how much energy a device or appliance is using, including standby power.
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees. Insulate hot water pipes if you need to.
- On really hot days (90 degrees or more), wait until after dark to do laundry or use the stove or oven. Cook with your microwave.
- Look for the Energy Star label and do your homework when shopping for new windows.
- Keep energy efficiency in mind with any landscaping. Plant deciduous trees to the west & south of the home, & evergreens to the north.

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Insulation is Critical

- Make sure your attic, exterior walls, & any crawl spaces are properly insulated. Your attic insulation should be rated at R-38 or higher in southern Indiana, & R-49 or higher in northern Indiana.
- You may need to add attic insulation if you haven't in a few years. It can settle over time, becoming less effective.
- Check weather stripping, caulking, & seals around doors/windows. Several small holes or cracks can let as much air out as an open window.
- Use plastic or foam gaskets to insulate drafty electrical outlets.
- Close the fireplace damper when not using it.

3

Maintain Your Heating & Cooling System

- Change your filter regularly. A dirty filter makes the unit work harder than it should, using more energy & costing you more money.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations & have the unit serviced regularly by a professional.
- If your furnace has a built in humidifier, use it during the winter to help make the air feel warmer.
- Check ductwork regularly to ensure there are no leaks. Clean the vents regularly & keep them unblocked.
- Adjust the thermostat to use less energy when going to bed at night or leaving home for more than 5 hours. A programmable or "smart" thermostat can do this automatically.



Lights & Fans

- Don't wait for old lightbulbs to burn out. Change them out now to start saving money. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) use much less power than traditional incandescent bulbs & last much longer.
- Look at lumens rather than watts when selecting bulbs. Lumens measure a bulb's brightness.
- Turn the lights off when leaving a room. Use a timer for lights when you're on vacation.
- Set ceiling fans to turn clockwise in winter & counterclockwise in summer. Turn them off when leaving the room.
- Use exhaust fans as little as possible. They can quickly pull large amounts of heated or cooled air out of your home.



Appliances

- Clean or vacuum your refrigerator's coils at least twice a year.
- Close your refrigerator door on a dollar bill. If the bill slips out easily, it's time to replace the gaskets.
- Reconsider that extra refrigerator or freezer in the garage. It's likely to use more power than it should.
- Wash only full loads of clothes, but don't overload the washer. Wash with cold water and use energy-saving settings.
- Make sure your clothes dryer's venting system is unclogged & working properly. Air dry clothing & dishes when possible.
- Buying a new appliance? Look for Energy Star products & read the EnergyGuide labels. Be aware of any rebates your utilities may offer.

For more information on utility issues, subscribe to our monthly newsletter at IN.gov/OUCC/2877.htm



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Confirmation of Energy Education Training

By changing the energy habits of my entire household and following simple energy saving practices, I understand I will be able to save money on my energy bill.

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IN ADDITION TO REGULAR ENERGY **ASSISTANCE** BENEFITS, YOU MAY **ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE \$350 COVID RELIEF** BENEFIT.

If an adult in the household lost employment or experienced a reduction in work hours due to COVID-19, please provide a letter from the employer stating this and the effective date. This is a <u>ONE-TIME</u> benefit so if you received last year, you are not eligible this year.