

Stockbridge-Munsee Community

BAND OF MOHICAN INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES

May 22, 2024

Dear Tribal Member:

Tribal Council authorized a 2024 Food Security program in order to promote the general welfare of Stockbridge-Munsee tribal members and the ongoing impact of rising food prices from the economic recession in order to promote food security as well as to speed the recovery process from the worldwide recession and economic impact it has had on our community. The purpose of this program is to assist eligible SMC Members to maintain their health, well-being, independence, and quality of life despite rising food prices. The Band has a responsibility to protect and promote the general welfare interests of its members and to assist in providing support to its members.

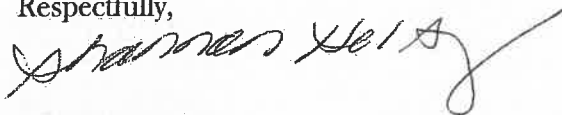
This program is designed to provide general welfare assistance to Eligible SMC members for rising food prices and to help ensure our community continues to be able to afford adequate and healthy food for themselves and their families.

The 2024 Food Security Program is intended for the promotion of the general welfare of tribal members and therefore is not lavish or extravagant or compensation for services. It is intended to fall with the IRS income exclusion for tribal general welfare programs (26 U.S.C. 139E) so that it is not considered taxable income.

In order to be eligible for the 2024 Food Security Program you must be a Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member 18 years and older and must submit enclosed application for the Food Security Program. Applications will be accepted starting **May 22, 2024** with an application deadline of **August 1, 2024**. Tribal members will be provided a \$1,000.00 Walmart gift card to be used solely for groceries to promote food security during these very challenging economic times. Additional guidance on the implementation of the program, including how and where to request the grocery card on the application.

No supplemental receipts for expenses are required as applicants can self-certify that they are experiencing impacts. Processing begins as applications are received. We hope to provide the food card within 1-2 weeks of receiving the signed application.

Respectfully,



Shannon Holsey
Tribal President