



Employee Committee officers: (From Left) Treasurer Letha Carter, Secretary Rhonna Morris, Vice Chairman Carrie Spang and Chairman Dustin Rolette (SFNews Photo)

DEADLINE FOR MARCH PAPER IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary

The Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary meet the 3rd Thursday every month at 6:00 p.m. We have a pot luck dinner at every meeting. Our meeting locations alternate from the Stroud-Elder's Building to the Shawnee-Multi Purpose Building. If anyone needs information, they can contact Shawna Spoon by phone at 405-275-2581 or by e-mail at shawnaspoon@att.net.

Thank You

Thanks to each of you that made it possible for me to be chosen Employee of the Year for 2015. It is a huge honor and I appreciate it so much.

I would like to thank the Employee Committee for all their hard work, this past year. The Employee Committee officers are: Dustin Rolette, Carrie Spang, Letha Carter and Rhonna Morris. Participants/volunteers include: Tonya Killman, Leah Carver, Nikki Knesek, Delores Carter, and Terre Boyiddle (these are employees who help at events or come to meetings on a regular basis).

They outdid themselves on the holiday parties for the employees. They had new, fresh ideas that turned out to be such a success. There were many laughs and memories made.

Again, a big thank you to all!! It's a privilege to work for the Sac and Fox Nation. I have met many people that have enriched my life; I trust I do the same.

LaDona Johnson

Food Distribution Program Updates

FDPIR Income Guidelines:

New Deductions Expected to Boost Participation Nationwide

With our increased FY14 Net Monthly Income Standards, new income deduction rules were also approved in the CFR. Households that pay rent or utilities, regardless of amount, are now allowed a Standard \$300 Deduction of their Net Monthly Income that is measured against the USDA Net Monthly Income Standards. For elderly or disabled household members there is now a Medical Expense Deduction that can be claimed for all out of pocket medical expenses with no limit regarding the amount. Also there is a new Meal Deduction that can be claimed should a household member require the full time services of a home health worker.

For more information on these deductions or to see if you qualify please call (866) 622-2310 Shawnee Office or (800) 256-3398 Stroud Office.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2016 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016)

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States:

Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$981	+	\$155	=	\$1,136
2	\$1,328	+	\$155	=	\$1,483
3	\$1,675	+	\$155	=	\$1,830
4	\$2,021	+	\$168	=	\$2,189
5	\$2,368	+	\$197	=	\$2,565
6	\$2,715	+	\$226	=	\$2,941
7	\$3,061	+	\$226	=	\$3,287
8	\$3,408	+	\$226	=	\$3,634
each additional member					+ \$347

Alaska:

Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,227	+	\$265	=	\$1,492
2	\$1,660	+	\$265	=	\$1,925
3	\$2,094	+	\$265	=	\$2,359
4	\$2,527	+	\$265	=	\$2,792
5	\$2,960	+	\$265	=	\$3,225
6	\$3,394	+	\$282	=	\$3,676
7	\$3,827	+	\$282	=	\$4,109
8	\$4,260	+	\$282	=	\$4,542
each additional member					+ \$434

FY 2016 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e)) Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$194 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban = \$237 • Rural 1 = \$302 • Rural 2 = \$368 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FY 2016 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Baseline by Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$400
Southeast/Southwest	Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas	\$300
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	\$400
West	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$350

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Make a list of all your Valentines and come to the Sac and Fox National Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 13, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and we will help you make the perfect card for all of your Valentines!

For more information, call the Library at 918-968-3526, extension 2021.

Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program

CALL TODAY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY!!!

STROUD OFFICE
(800) 256-3398

SHAWNEE OFFICE
(866) 622-2310

If at least one member of your household is Native American, you reside within our service area, and you meet our income guidelines... You May Qualify. Call Today!!!

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