

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **How to Apply for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP)**

Submit a completed application (to include the name, date of birth and Social Security Numbers for **EVERY PERSON** who lives in your home) with the following verification:

1. Proof of identity for the head of household (such as a driver's license, government issued I.D., school I.D., etc.) **and**;
2. Proof of citizenship or legal status if born outside of the United States **and**;
3. Provide a copy of most recent heating/cooling bills **and**;
4. When the utility bill is not in the applicant's name, provide a written statement from the person listed on the utility bill authorizing the applicant to apply, that includes their address, phone number and signature **and**;
5. Proof of **ALL** income for **EVERY PERSON** in the household for at least the last thirty (30) days.

**Examples of types of income:** Employment, child support, social security, Veterans benefits, retirement, public assistance, utility reimbursements, unemployment insurance, interest income, money from family and/or friends, or organizations, educational scholarships and/or grants, etc.

Note: If the employed individual is working through an employment agency, provide proof of the last 12 months of earned income.

6. If the household expenses exceed the household income, proof of how the household is meeting their needs.

**\*\*FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION MAY DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION. \*\***

Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.  
Applicants will receive a notice of decision once an eligibility determination has been made.

**Please mail *or* fax your application and verifications to:**

Energy Assistance Program  
2527 N. Carson St., #260  
Carson City, NV 89706  
Fax: (775) 684-0740

Energy Assistance Program  
3330 E. Flamingo Rd., #55  
Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Fax: (702) 486-1441

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
**ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM &  
 WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
 APPLICATION**

The **Energy Assistance Program (EAP)** is designed to help eligible Nevada households with their annual heating and electric costs. The **Water and Sewer Assistance Program (WSAP)** is designed to help eligible Nevada households with their water and sewer costs.

**\* INCOME REQUIREMENTS \***

The total gross monthly income of all household members may not exceed the amounts shown in the chart below.

<b>YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S GROSS MONTHLY INCOME MAY NOT EXCEED:</b>					
Persons in Home	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Persons in Home	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$21,870	\$1,822.50	5	\$52,710	\$4,392.50
2	\$29,580	\$2,465.00	6	\$60,420	\$5,035.00
3	\$37,290	\$3,107.50	7	\$68,130	\$5,677.50
4	\$45,000	\$3,750.00	8	\$75,840	\$6,320.00

(For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$7,710 to the annual income for each additional person).

Households with a chronic or long-term illness, who pay out of pocket medical expenses and whose gross income exceeds the income guidelines may have their countable income reduced by verified qualifying expenses.

**Does a household member have a chronic/long-term illness and pay out-of-pocket medical expenses?**  Yes  No  
 (If Yes, and your income exceeds the limits above, please submit verification of your out-of-pocket medical expenses.)

Households that are eligible for EAP are categorically eligible for WSAP if the household is eligible for water and sewer benefits.

**\* BENEFITS \***

Eligible households receive an annual one-time-per-year benefit called a "fixed annual credit" customarily paid directly to their energy, water, and sewer provider(s). The benefit shows as a credit on the bill.

**Minimum Payment** – The minimum yearly payment for eligible households is \$240.

**\* WHEN TO APPLY \***

- ➔ If your family is not currently on the program and you meet the income requirements, apply **NOW**.
- ➔ If you received an EAP benefit during the past 12 months, a notice will be mailed to you when it is time to reapply for EAP.

**\* WHAT DO I NEED? \***

Submit a completed application with the required verification. Suggested income verifications are noted on the back of this page. To get answers to other questions, call:

Reno/Carson City	(775) 684-0730
Las Vegas	(702) 486-1404
Toll Free	(800) 992-0900

Visit our website at: <http://dwss.nv.gov> for more information on the program requirements.

You can find information about the Weatherization Assistance Program at:

<http://housing.nv.gov/programs/Weatherization/>

## DOCUMENTATION EXAMPLES OF REQUIRED PROOF OF INCOME

All documentation sent with your application can be either originals or photocopies. If you are unable to photocopy the originals, our office will copy the material and if requested we will send it back after your case has been processed.

**Earned Income:** Includes income from employment, self-employment (see below), child care services, house cleaning, and/or any service for which you are paid. Provide copies of check stubs (if paid in cash, a statement from the person who paid you for a service) for at least the last thirty (30) consecutive days. If paid weekly – 4 check stubs; paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly – 2 check stubs. If you do not have check stubs, a signed and dated statement on letterhead from your employer stating your gross income for the last thirty (30) days and how often you get paid, is acceptable. If working through an employment agency or on-call provide proof of the last 12 months of income.

**Self-Employment/Non-Profit Business Income:** May include profit and loss statements signed by the applicant detailing gross income and expenses (receipts must be provided for deductions) during the last 12 months, a copy of the sales tax statement showing gross net proceeds, financial statements, a loan application listing income and expenses for the last 12 months, or DWSS Form 2011 that includes receipts for allowable deductions. Allowable deductions include: cost of goods sold, supplies and materials, advertising, accounting and legal fees, wages paid to employees, office space rent/mortgage, telephone, utilities, transportation costs necessary to produce income, etc.

**Unearned Income:** Includes income from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, pensions, disability, military service, unemployment, child support, alimony, interest, dividends, regular insurance or annuity payments. **If you are receiving *Social Security, SSI, Veterans Benefits, pensions, disability income, military income or unemployment*:** provide copies of the benefit verification form or award letter for the current year showing any cost of living raises. **If you are receiving *child support/alimony income*:** provide a copy of divorce decree/separation/settlement agreement, or dated letter from the person paying the support (to include name, address and phone number), or a copy of the last check/statement from the child support enforcement agency. **If you are receiving *interest income/dividends*:** provide 12 months of bank account statements, certificates of deposit or other documentation that contains details and is signed by the financial institution, or a broker's quarterly statement showing earnings.

**Cash Contributions and/ or Recurring Gifts:** If someone is helping you pay your expenses **or** is giving you money: provide a signed statement from each person that includes their name, address, phone number, if the assistance will continue, and the amount provided to you during the last six months. Provide a signed and dated statement by the person providing the money indicating the amount of support, how often it is paid, when the arrangement began, and whether it is paid directly to a vendor or in cash to you. The statement must include the contributor's printed name, address(es), and phone number(s).

**Student Income:** Includes ALL scholarships and grants, e.g., Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Veterans Administration educational benefits, etc. Please provide written confirmation of the amount of assistance, and the educational institution's written confirmation of the cost for the prior two (2) semesters and summer school (if applicable) of the student's tuition, fees, books and equipment. If benefits are paid directly to the student, copies of the latest benefit checks or canceled checks or receipts for tuition, fees, books, and equipment are acceptable.

**Public Assistance Income:** Includes but is not limited to TANF, county general assistance, Clark County Social Services, or American Indian/Alaska Native General Assistance. Provide a written statement from the public agency with the amount paid during the last month, or a copy of the award letter or check.

**PLEASE NOTE: 1099 and W-2 forms by themselves are not acceptable as proof of income.**

DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
**ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

MAIL **OR** FAX YOUR APPLICATION TO ONE OF THE OFFICES LISTED BELOW  
 OR EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: [ENERGYASSISTANCE@DWSS.NV.GOV](mailto:ENERGYASSISTANCE@DWSS.NV.GOV)

**LAS VEGAS / NORTH LAS VEGAS**  
 3330 E. Flamingo Rd., #55, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
 Telephone: (702) 486-1404 Fax: (702) 486-1441

**OFFICE FOR ALL OTHER AREAS**  
 2527 N. Carson Street, Suite 260, Carson City, NV 89706  
 Telephone: (775) 684-0730 Fax: (775) 684-0740

**APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

**Please complete every section and answer each question. Sign the application and the Rights and Obligations form. Failure to complete all sections and questions and/or sign the application and Rights and Obligations, OR provide the requested documentation noted on the application, will delay processing your application and may result in your application being denied.**

**A. APPLICANT/HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Please select program/s applying for:

**EAP (Energy Assistance Program)**     **WSAP (Water/Sewer Assistance Program)**

Complete the following for every person living in your home, **including** yourself (*attach an additional page if necessary*). *The first name on the application should be the applicant (person listed on the utility bill who resides in the home). Provide proof of identity for the applicant.*

**Ethnicity** – Please choose one of the following codes for each household member- H- Hispanic/Latino, N-Non-Hispanic/Latino, or X-Prefer not to disclose.

**Race** – Please choose one of the following codes for each household member: A-Asian, B-Black or African American; G – North African; H – Middle Eastern; I-American Indian or Alaska Native; J-American Indian or Alaska Native and White; L-Asian and White; M-Black or African American and White; N-American Indian or Alaska Native and Black or African American; U-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; W-White; Z-2 or more combinations not listed above or X-Prefer not to disclose.

The information below is used to comply with the requirements set forth by NRS 239B.022-NRS 239B.026. Only the Department of Health and Human Services will have access to this information. Your responses will be kept private and secure. The information will not be used for a discriminatory purpose. Providing this information is voluntary.

**What sex were you assigned at birth, such as on your original birth certificate?** Please choose one of the following codes for each household member: M-Male, F-Female.

**How do you describe yourself** Please choose one of the following codes for each household member: M-Male, F-Female, TM-Transgender Man/Trans Male, TW-Transgender Woman/Trans Female, G-Genderqueer/gender non-conforming, D-Different Identity (Please specify), X-Prefer not to disclose.

**Which of the following best represents your sexual orientation identity?** Please choose one of the following codes for each household member: S-Straight or Heterosexual, G-Gay, L-Lesbian, B-Bisexual, N-Not listed (Please specify), X-Prefer not to disclose.

Name (Last, First, Middle) (Jr., Sr., III)	Relationship to You	Ethnicity:	Race	Sex Assigned at Birth	Sex you describe yourself?	How do you describe yourself?	Sexual Orientation Identity	Date of Birth (mm/ dd/yy)	Age	U.S. Citizen or Eligible *Non- citizen		Disabled		Social Security Number	
		PLEASE SEE ABOVE FOR CODES											Yes		No
	SELF														

Are there additional people in your home?  YES  NO      If "YES," list them on a separate sheet of paper.

Home Address (include apartment or unit number) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (*If different from your home address.*) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Message/Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*List the names of non-citizen household members authorized as legal residents of the United States:**

**\*Provide copies of the front and back of their I-551 (Resident Alien Card) with this application.**

## B. DWELLING INFORMATION

**Renters:** Provide a complete signed copy of rent or lease agreement dated within the last 12 months, listing every person living in the home(s). If subsidized, provide signed Housing documents listing every person in the home, rent and utility rebate.

**Buyers/Owners:** Provide copy of mortgage statement, or proof of payoff, or current tax information.

1. Dwelling Type:  House  Apartment  Condo/Townhome  Rent Room  Mobile Home  
 Duplex  Motel/Hotel  Studio  Travel Trailer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dwelling Cost:  Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Subsidized Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Space Rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buy \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Own When did you pay off your mortgage? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rent/Buyers only: Landlord, Project/Complex, Mortgage Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you reside in subsidized housing where heating and electric are included in the rent?  YES  NO  
IF YES, select all that apply:  Section 8  Section 42  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. HELP US BETTER SERVE OTHERS

How did you hear about the Energy Assistance Program? Check one that most applies:

- |                                      |  |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV          | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous EAP Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please identify</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio       | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Received Notice in Mail  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Company (flyer or employee) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Employee  |  |

## D. UTILITY INFORMATION

### Water and Sewer Providers

#### WATER SERVICE (Attach Copy of Bill)

**Check one that applies:**

- Receive bill from water company  
 Water service included in rent/mortgage  
 Pay separate bill to landlord for water service

(Water Company Name)

(Water Account Number)

(Name on Account)

Is the person listed on the account your landlord?  YES  NO

(If the account holder does not live with you provide their address, telephone number, relationship to you, proof of identity for the person who is named on the water bill, and a statement authorizing you to apply for benefits on their behalf.)

#### SEWER SERVICE (Attach Copy of Bill)

**Check one that applies:**

- Receive bill from sewer company  
 Sewer service included in rent/mortgage  
 Pay separate bill to landlord for sewer service

(Sewer Company Name)

(Sewer Account Number)

(Name on Account)

Is the person listed on the account your landlord?  YES  NO

(If the account holder does not live with you provide their address, telephone number, relationship to you, proof of identity for the person who is named on the water bill, and a statement authorizing you to apply for benefits on their behalf.)

Do you have past due charges with your water provider and want assistance to pay this debt?  YES  NO

Do you have past due charges with your sewer provider and want assistance to pay this debt?  YES  NO

## Energy Providers

### ELECTRIC SERVICE (Attach Copy of Bill)

**Check one that applies:**

- Receive bill from utility company  
 Electric service included in rent/mortgage  
 Pay separate bill to landlord for electric service

### HEATING SERVICE (Attach Copy of Bill)

**Check one that applies:**

- Receive bill from heating company  
 Heating service included in rent/mortgage  
 Pay separate bill to landlord for heating service

(Electric Company Name)

(Heating Company Name)

(Electric Account Number)

(Heating Account Number)

(Name On Account)

(Name On Account)

Is the person listed on the account your landlord?  YES  NO  
 (If the account holder does not live with you provide their address, telephone number, relationship to you, proof of identity for the person who is named on the utility bill, and a statement authorizing you to apply for benefits on their behalf.)

Is the person listed on the account your landlord?  YES  NO  
 (If the account holder does not live with you provide their address, telephone number, relationship to you, proof of identity for the person who is named on the utility bill, and a statement authorizing you to apply for benefits on their behalf.)

#### ARREARAGE ASSISTANCE (Once every five years)

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Do you have past due charges with your electric utility and want assistance to pay this debt?  YES  NO

Do you have past due charges with your heating utility and want assistance to pay this debt?  YES  NO

**If your energy provider is NV Energy or Southwest Gas, you need to provide a copy of your current utility bill. For all other energy providers, proof of the last 12 months of usage in dollars and *therms, watts and/or gallons* for your current address will be required. Proof can be in the form of your last 12 months bills or a print-out from your energy provider.**

### E. HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR EAP BENEFIT PAID?

**Choose how you want your EAP benefits paid:** (Mark ONLY One)

- Split my benefit between my electric and heating provider.       Pay my entire benefit to my heating provider.       Pay my entire benefit to my electric provider.

If you choose a split payment your benefit will be split between both of your energy providers not to exceed your annual usage per provider. The benefit may not be an equal 50/50 split.

If you choose a single payment your benefit will be paid to cover your annual usage for that provider, and if there is a remaining balance, it will be paid to your second provider.

If you do not choose one of the options above, your benefit will be split between both providers not to exceed the annual usage per provider.

### F. INCOME

1. **EARNED INCOME:** Does any member of the household, regardless of age, work?  YES  NO **If YES, complete the information below: (Include self-employment, business, child care, housecleaning, odd jobs, temp agencies, and non-profit organization income)**

NAME OF PERSON WORKING	EMPLOYER	DATE OF HIRE	TYPE OF WORK	GROSS PAY PER CHECK	HOW OFTEN PAID	TIPS PER MONTH

List all household members, age 18 or older, who are not currently employed:

NAME OF PERSON	FORMER EMPLOYER	DATE LAST WORKED	GROSS PAY PER CHECK	DO YOU EXPECT RE-EMPLOYMENT or PENDING SSI? If YES, explain.

**Attach copies of all check stubs or other proof of gross income for at least the last thirty (30) days even if the person is no longer employed. 1099s and W-2s by themselves are not acceptable proof of income. EXCEPTION: Self-employment requires 12 months profit and loss statements.**

2. **UNEARNED INCOME:** Complete the following, indicating who, if anyone, receives money or benefits from the sources listed below. You must mark YES or NO for each income type and attach proof of all unearned income. **1099s and W-2s by themselves are not acceptable proof of income.**

YES	NO	INCOME TYPE	PERSON RECEIVING	GROSS AMOUNT	FREQUENCY
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alimony			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boarders / Roomers ( <i>Attach notarized proof of rental or lease</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Support			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribution / Gifts / Church or Charitable Donations			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational Assistance / Student Loans ( <i>Attach proof of tuition, books and supplies for prior TWO semesters</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-SNAP) In Nevada? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, which State?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Care			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	County Assistance / General Assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest / Dividends / Annuities / Royalties			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loans			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lump Sum Payments ( <i>Settlements / Back Pay, etc.</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Income / Allotment			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining Claims			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Panhandling			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pensions / Retirement			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property Rentals / Sale			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Railroad Retirement			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Room Rental ( <i>Attach notarized proof of rental or lease</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Benefits (RSDI)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strike Benefits			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsidized Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supported Living Arrangement (SLA)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TANF Assistance			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal Assistance / Indian General Assistance (IGA)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trust Income ( <i>Provide proof if it is not accessible</i> )			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment Insurance			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility Allowance / Rebate Check			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Benefits			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnings			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worker's Compensation or Temporary Disability			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other			

**MEETING EXPENSES:**

1. If the household expenses (e.g. rent, utilities, food, etc.) are more than your household's income, explain how you are able to meet these expenses.
2. If someone is helping you meet your expenses or is giving you money, you must provide a signed statement from each person that includes their name, address, telephone number and amount of help they provided to you during each of the last six months. Below, fill out the information of the person(s) who provided you a statement:

Name of Person Assisting	Address	Phone Number	Amount	How often

Do you expect any changes in the household's income or benefits?  YES  NO  
 If YES, what? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Changes in income prior to certification will be used to determine eligibility.**

## G. RESPONSIBILITY

Information provided in this application is subject to verification and investigation by federal, state and local officials. If you make a false or misleading statement, misrepresent, conceal, or withhold facts, or fail to report changes to establish or maintain eligibility for energy assistance or water and sewer assistance, your benefits may be denied, terminated or reduced. You are responsible for repayment of all monies, services and benefits for which you were not entitled. Additionally, you may also be barred from program participation, criminally prosecuted and/or otherwise penalized according to state and federal law.

Have you ever been determined to have committed an Intentional Program Violation (IPV)?  YES  NO  
If YES, in what State? \_\_\_\_\_

## H. AUTHORIZATION

By signing this application, I am authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to make any investigation concerning me or any other member of my household which is necessary to determine eligibility for benefits received or to be received under programs administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. I hereby authorize and consent to the release of any and all information concerning me and/or my household members to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services by the holder of the information regardless of the manner or form held, including by, without limitation, wage information, information made confidential by law or otherwise privileged under NRS 422A.342 or any other provision of law or otherwise. I authorize the Energy Assistance Program to release information about my household, to include energy usage information, to the State of Nevada Housing Division, Weatherization Assistance Program, for potential eligibility in weatherizing my residence. I hereby release the holder of such information from liability, if any, resulting from the disclosure of the required information. **I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A REPRODUCED COPY OF THIS AUTHORIZATION LEGALLY CONSTITUTES AN ORIGINAL COPY.**  
**Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

If I am 60 years of age or older, I hereby consent to the disclosure of my identity and waive my rights as an older person to have my identity kept confidential. I hereby release the holder of information from liability, if any, resulting from the disclosure of the required information. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I consent that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services or its representatives may survey my energy, water or sewer usage, advise providers of assistance grants, and status at the time of certification. I consent that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services use Social Security Numbers (SSNs) provided in this application to verify factors of Energy Assistance Program and Water and Sewer Assistance Program eligibility, which may include automated data exchange with the Social Security Administration.

I agree to notify the Energy Assistance Program/Water and Sewer Assistance Program of any changes in my household circumstances that may affect my energy assistance and/or water and sewer assistance benefits. I understand failure to report changes may cause an overpayment which I would be responsible to pay back and could even be prosecuted by a court of law. I swear I have honestly reported the citizenship of myself and anyone I am applying for.

**I certify under penalty of perjury, my answers are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability.**

Print Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Other Adult Member(s) in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Other Adult Member(s) in Household:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Other Adult Member(s) in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Other Adult Member(s) in Household:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS: (Use if applicant cannot read or write or is blind.) I have assisted with the completion of this application for Energy Assistance Program and/or Water and Sewer Assistance Program. The information in this application has been read to the applicant and I have witnessed the above signature.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name of Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



**Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW \*\*\*\***

**A. You have the following RIGHTS:**

1. No person will be discriminated against for any reason, e.g., race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, handicap (including AIDS and AIDS related conditions), political belief or national origin, in any program administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. When the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) or Water and Sewer Assistance Program (WSAP) pays another agency, institution, or person to provide EAP or WSAP services to a household, the provider is not permitted to discriminate for any reason. Violations of discrimination shall be promptly reported to the Energy Assistance Program and Water and Sewer Assistance Program office, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706-7924, (775) 684-0500, the U.S. Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Health and Human Services, 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, California 94102, (415) 437-8310, TDD (415) 437-8311 or by calling toll free 1-800-368-1019.
2. You have the right to a conference if you believe you have been unfairly treated or a mistake has been made concerning your eligibility for assistance. To request a conference, write or call the Energy Assistance Program or the Water and Sewer Assistance Program.
3. You have the right to a hearing if you are not satisfied with the agency's action affecting your assistance if you request the hearing, in writing, within ninety (90) days of the agency's action/decision, unless the sole issue for the agency's action/decision is one of state or federal law requiring automatic benefit adjustment. You have the right to a hearing if your application is denied, acted upon erroneously, or not acted upon with reasonable promptness, or if your benefits have been reduced.
4. You have the right to a mailed notice of decision telling you if you are eligible for program benefits and in what amount, to whom payments will be made, and the approximate payment date(s); **or** a notice informing you that you are not eligible for program benefits and why.
5. Program staff are required to:
  - Inform applicants of the eligibility requirements for the program;
  - Counsel on required documents; and/or
  - Provide assistance to the applicant when needed.

**B. You have the following OBLIGATIONS:**

1. Notify the Energy Assistance Program or the Water and Sewer Assistance Program **within ten (10) calendar days** of any of the following:
  - Any change in your household income **or** household size (number of people residing in the household);
  - If you change utility companies; or
  - If you move anytime after submitting your application.

*Note: Failure to do so may delay processing your application or result in denial of benefits or a reduction in benefits.*

2. Respond to any requests for additional information needed to process your application **within ten (10) calendar days**. It is your responsibility to ensure the requested materials are mailed or faxed early enough to meet the deadline provided to you. Neither the Energy Assistance Program nor the Water and Sewer Assistance Program are responsible for lost or misdirected mail, or faxes. (Be sure your name and SSN or UPI are on all documents/correspondence.)
3. Cooperate with the Energy Assistance Program and the Water and Sewer Assistance Program in its efforts to secure all information necessary to determine eligibility or benefits.

**C. SPECIAL NOTE:**

1. If you are applying for the Energy Assistance Program or the Water and Sewer Assistance Program, you may receive help with your utility bills. **BUT REMEMBER, YOU MUST KEEP PAYING YOUR BILLS WHEN THEY ARE DUE.** If you do not pay them, the company can charge more money for paying late. The utility company can even turn off your service and you may be required to pay a deposit before they will turn your service on again. ***If you cannot pay your bill, contact the utility company, and try to make payment arrangements.***
2. Persons found guilty of intentionally violating program rules will be ineligible for program participation for one (1) year for the first violation, two (2) years for the second violation, and permanently barred from the program for the third violation.

**My signature below indicates I understand the Rights and Obligations as an applicant for the Energy Assistance Program and/or Water and Sewer Assistance Program.**

Print Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE WHERE YOU LIVE NOW,  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER TO VOTE HERE TODAY?**

(Please check one)

YES     NO

**If you do not check either box, you will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at this time.**

The **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT** provides you with the opportunity to register to vote at this location. If you would like help in filling out a voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Applying to register or declining to register to vote **WILL NOT AFFECT** the amount of assistance you will be provided by this agency.

**Signature**

**Date**

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Whether you decide to register to vote or not, your decision will remain confidential.

IF YOU BELIEVE SOMEONE HAS INTERFERED with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Secretary of State, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89710.