

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WILL RESULT IN PROCESSING DELAYS AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE:**

ALL questions need to be answered, update as needed, sign and date the last page (DO NOT PRE OR POST DATE), and include complete proof of gross income for all household members 18+ for the month prior to application.

Does anyone in your home, including children, receive income due to a Veteran or Disability status? Yes No

Can electricity heat your entire home? Yes No Is your electricity off-peak? Yes No

Rooms with only electric heat: Living/family Kitchen Bedroom Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra calls slow down processing time. **CALL US ONLY IF A VENDOR IS REFUSING TO DELIVER FUEL (under 20%) OR YOU HAVE A DISCONNECTION NOTICE.** You will receive a status notification letter once funding is available AND your application is processed; until then continue to pay your bills. To avoid disconnection, contact your vendor to arrange payments and/or set up a payment plan BEFORE calling into the office.

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**Part 5. Consent and Signature for October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025**

1. I give my consent for my heating and electric companies to give data about my account and energy use to the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) and Commerce’s contractors for the Energy Assistance Program (EAP), the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP).
2. I authorize the Social Security Administration, the Minnesota Department of Human Services and its affiliated agencies, and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to share data concerning my Social Security Number, public benefits received, and income within the last year for eligibility for benefits with Commerce and Commerce’s contractors for EAP, WAP and CIP.
3. I authorize Commerce to share data about my EAP eligibility with other Commerce energy programs for which I might be eligible, including, but not limited to, Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebates, Minnesota Heat Pump Rebates, Minnesota Electrical Panel Grants.
4. I authorize Minnesota EAP, WAP, and CIP to:
  - Contact my employer to verify my income.
  - Contact my landlord to confirm my residency and/or heating source if I am a renter.
5. I authorize my EAP, WAP and CIP Service Providers to contact me for outreach and referral.
6. By signing, I affirm that all data in this application is correct. I also acknowledge that:
  - I currently reside at the address listed on this application.
  - I am signing on behalf of all household members.
  - I may have to prove my statements.
  - I may be held civilly or criminally liable under federal or state law for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements.
  - I have rights under EAP, WAP, and CIP. I have received a copy of the “Privacy Notice and Your Rights and Responsibilities” and agree to its terms and conditions.
  - I may appeal local Energy Programs Service Provider decisions about my benefits.
  - I understand that missing information will delay determining if I qualify for help.
  - I understand that my Service Provider may be able to help pay past due energy bills and/or make a payment plan with my energy companies.
  - I understand that filling out this application does not guarantee that my household will receive assistance.
  - I am an adult, emancipated minor, or a minor head of a household with no adults or emancipated minors.

**Print Name:** .....

**Signature:** ..... **Today’s Date:**.....

**All applications must be postmarked or received by EAP on or before May 31, 2025. Your application must be postmarked or received within 60 days of the date you sign it. Apply early, funds may run out.**