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NEWS RELEASE

Local senior citizens may apply for coupons for free fruits, vegetables at the Athens Farmers Market

Applications for the Ohio Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) will be available beginning on Monday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Athens County Job and Family Services office at 184 N. Lancaster St. in Athens.

The Ohio Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides residents over the age of 60 with \$50 worth of coupons to be used at the Athens Farmers' Market on East State Street with participating farmers between May and October.

SFMNP is designed to help state residents over the age of 60 purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. The program is open to single senior citizens with an annual income at or below \$20,035, and married senior citizens with an annual income at or below \$26,954.

Applications will be available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., during the weeks of April 20 and April 27. Currently, there are funds to serve the first 327 people who apply and are eligible. Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis.

The SFMNP is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Aging, Area Agencies on Aging and the United States Department of Agriculture. No one will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

For more information about the SFMNP, call Athens County Job and Family Services at 592-4477 or 1-800-338-4484.