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CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS 2020**Return to: 4 Hodges Street, Attleboro, MA 02703****Questions: 508-226-2336**www.councilforchildren.org**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

class requirements met Y/N

(file #)**KID - 1**

Please return your application ASAP. We will be working on filling bags as the applications are approved. If there is a recurrence of the COVID 19 virus and we are unable to complete the program, we will let you know and if any completed bags can be given out.

DUE DATE FOR RETURNING PARENTS: NOVEMBER 8, 2020

RETURNING PARENTS ONLY: all applications submitted after NOVEMBER 8 will go onto a waiting list

DUE DATE FOR PARENTS NEW TO THE PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Please list all adults who are responsible for providing support for the children listed on page 2

Both parents' names are required even if they are not living with the child

Mother's Name (or primary guardian if not a parent): Father's Name (or additional guardian if not a parent): Street Address: Town - Circle one: *Only residents of the towns listed below are eligible for this program.*

Attleboro North Attleboro Norton Plainville Rehoboth Seekonk

Home Phone: Cell: e-mail: Children are living with: (circle one) mother father both guardian: Will a translator be needed? Yes No If yes, which language **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:** Return 1 application per family signed on pg. 2 and 1 story sheet for EACH child

Show income by including:

- ONE copy of a recent 2020 paystub for any income received in the house for every adult in the household
- A copy of any SSI income for all adults and children receiving benefits

Show expenses by including:

- A copy of a utility bill for September, October or November 2020
- Rent or mortgage receipt with the address included for fall 2020

Show residency by including:

- Copy of MA license or MA picture ID (no passport or out-of-state ID's)
- Your name and address on all bills and pay stubs must match the address given on the application. We are looking for 3 items with a matching address.

Other important information:

- Legal guardians (not parents) must show guardianship paperwork
- Please be aware that any tampering of documentation (changing, adding or deleting a name or address) will result in immediate and permanent denial of help.
- DO NOT include copies of birth certificates or social security cards

INCOME:

	Employment	mother: \$	father: \$	Per Week / Month
	TANF/EAEDC/AFDC	mother: \$	father: \$	/Month
	SSI/SSDI/SSA	mother: \$	father: \$	children: \$ /Month
	Widow's Benefits/Survivors Benefits	parent: \$	child: \$	/Month
	Unemployment	mother: \$	father: \$	/ Week
	Child Support/alimony received	mother: \$	father: \$	/Month
	Income from rental property			/Month
	If you are not working, explain why			

Do you receive food stamps? Yes No If yes, how much per month? \$ **EXPENSES:****Total Bill Owed****How much do you pay per month?**

Utility bills (phone, electric, gas, oil)	/
Mortgage/rent	/

If homeless, where are you staying? Shelter Family Friend

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Child's full name (first & last)	Male/Female	Age	Date of birth	School currently attending
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
_____	M / F	_____	/ /	_____
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Please let us know why you are applying and if there are specific circumstances of which we should be aware. If not working, explain why: _____

The Attleboro Area Council for Children is a non-profit **volunteer run** organization, advocating on behalf of children and their families in Attleboro, North Attleboro, Mansfield, Norton, Seekonk, Rehoboth and Plainville.

The Christmas is for Kids program is for parents or legal guardians who have physical custody of children and have no other means of providing gifts for their children. We accept applications for children newborn through high school (up to 22 with special needs). If a child attends college or has quit school, they are not eligible for this program.

Acceptance into the program is not automatic. The Council's Christmas is for Kids committee will review the information that is submitted to determine eligibility.

As of 2004, in response to the overwhelming requests for help from families over multiple years, the Council implemented a requirement that all returning participants in our program must fulfill requirements during their first 4 years with us in the calendar year in which they will need help. **However, due to the need for social distancing and the general difficulties everyone would have in completing the class requirements, we have waived the requirement for returning parents for 2020 only.**

It is the participant's responsibility to update their address with the Council if they move. The Council will attempt to make each applicant aware of other programs that may also benefit the family, such as food stamps, WIC, and heating assistance as well as information about food pantries, free meals and free clothing.

Due to the extreme need again this year, we are asking families who have been accepted into our program to refrain from applying to other local programs so that resources can be allocated through our community to as many families as possible. We expect that if you have been accepted into one program that you will not receive gifts from multiple sources.

Parents who received gifts in any year between 2004 and 2018, and who did not complete the required workshops or volunteer 20 hours or complete their HiSET (high school equivalency) or successfully complete a 2019 Spring or Summer college level course may not be assisted. If you have been unable to complete the requirements due to extreme circumstances, please call us.

Please sign your name below indicating that you have read and understand our application process completely.

Parent Signature: _____

Families whose application has been accepted will receive a letter in early December with the instructions as to date, time and place for gift distribution. Gifts will only be released to the parent or guardian whose name is on this application -they must be the one who picks up the gifts. A **birth certificate for each child and valid Massachusetts ID** will be required. **No health cards will be accepted. No passports or out-of-state ID's will be accepted.**

We will call to let you know when the bags are ready for pick-up. We will not be having a single day pick up as in prior years in an effort to minimize the number of people in the building.