



Reduced Fare Program Instructions

Program explanation:

TARTA has made the process simpler for our customers by making the following improvements:

1. **Obtaining Reduced Fare Entitlement:** Upon completion, all applications must be dropped off at TARTA's downtown Transit Hub. Physical cards will be able to be picked up at TARTA's downtown Transit Hub. Entitlement can be linked to rider account.
2. **Reduced Fare Entitlements will be found on TARTA Cards and/or Rider Accounts.**
3. **Reduced Fare Applications will not require a signature from a licensed medical professional.** Instead, TARTA will be asking each applicant to certify the validity of their application.
4. **Your first TARTA card will be free.** We will, however, charge \$5.00 for replacement TARTA cards if they are lost.
5. **Reduced Fare Entitlements will not expire.**

Eligibility:

Reduced fares will be made available to the following that meet the eligibility requirements:

- Seniors (65 and over)
- Veterans
- Persons with disabilities
- Active-duty military (including Reserves or National Guard)
- Medicare card holders

Instructions:

1. Prepare the following items for processing:
 - a) Completed and signed Reduced Fare application form (must be filled out completely)
 - b) Photocopy of applicant's Ohio State driver's license or other picture ID (Only provide a copy)
 - c) Include a copy of one (1) of the following (as is appropriate)
 1. Medicare Card
 2. Golden Buckeye Card
 3. Social Security Benefits Determination (including SSD)
 4. Military ID, VA Card or a state ID with "Armed Forces" stamp on lower right of License or ID
- **If you do not have any of the items listed above in c), provide a detailed description of your diagnosis on original letterhead from your licensed medical professional.**

Drop off applications and copies at:

TARTA Transit Hub
612 N. Huron Street & Cherry St.
Toledo, Ohio

Electronically complete and submit applications at:

www.TARTA.com/reduced-fare/

Applications will take 7 to 10 business days to process. TARTA Cards with Reduced Fare entitlements will be ready for **Pick-up at the TARTA Transit Hub** (you will be required to show photo ID at pick-up)

TARTA Transit Hub
612 N. Huron Street & Cherry St.
Toledo, Ohio



For Office Use Only

Approved:_____ Disapproved:_____

Reason for Disapproval:_____

By:_____

Date:_____

Reduced Fare Program Application

Please Print Legibly

Applicant's Name (first, last): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

I am requesting:

☐ First TARTA Card

☐ Replacement for TARTA Card

☐ I already have a TARTA card and my last 10 digits are _____

I request to receive my Reduced Fare Entitlement by the following method. Please check only one (1):

☐ Entitlement added to the TARTA Card

☐ Linked to rider account via email provided above

☐ Both TARTA Card and Linked to account

I am applying for a Reduced Fare Card on the following basis. Please check applicable boxes:

☐ I am 65 years of age or older

☐ I am providing a copy of proof of current eligibility as a veteran or active military.

☐ I am providing a copy of proof that I am receiving Social Security Benefits or Supplemental Security Income benefits due to disability.

☐ I am presenting a copy of a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration.

☐ I have a medically documented disability which makes it difficult for me to perform at least one transit-related function (getting on or off vehicle, standing in vehicle, reading information signs, hearing direction from operator, etc.)

DO NOT INCLUDE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS – THEY WILL NOT BE RETURNED. ONLY INCLUDE COPIES!

Please read the Eligibility Criteria Section on page three (3) before completing this section:

I have an obvious physical/medical impairment(s) effectively such that I have difficulty in using public transportation without special planning, design, or facilities.

My impairment meets Category _____ Number _____ of the Eligibility Criteria.

I certify that the above information is true. I understand that if this application is approved, I will be issued an identification card to use until the indicated expiration date on the card. I agree not to lend my card to anyone. I agree to present my card to the bus operator when paying my fare. I also understand that TARTA employees are authorized to confiscate my ID card if it is used in an unauthorized manner.

Signature of Applicant or Legal Guardian

Date

Eligibility Criteria

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority has adopted the following definition of a handicapped person to enable compliance with Section 5(m) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1974 that, together with criteria for establishing eligibility and procedures for identifying eligibility shall be effective regarding the half-fare June 15, 1976.

The Functional Definition of a Disability:

Disability means, with respect to an individual – a permanent or temporary physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the **major life activities** of an individual. Major life activities means functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

Eligibility Based on Professional Certification:

<p>CATEGORY 1 Musculoskeletal Disorders 1-1 Amputation of one or more major extremities 1-2 Arthritis leading to joint deformity or chronic pain substantially limiting function 1-3 Back injury or disease permanently affecting strength, flexibility and endurance. 1-4 Joint contractures</p> <p>CATEGORY 2 Neuromuscular Disorders 2-1 Hemiplegia or hemiparesis 2-2 Paraparesis or quadriparesis 2-3 Ataxia and other coordination disorders 2-4 Cerebral Palsy 2-5 Seizure Disorders 2-6 Muscular Dystrophy 2-7 Multiple Sclerosis 2-8 Peripheral Neuropathies</p> <p>CATEGORY 3 Neurosensory Disorders 3-1 Hearing Impairment 3-2 Visual Impairment 3-3 Aphasia-Receptive-Expressive</p> <p>CATEGORY 4 Pulmonary Disorders 4-1 Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease 4-2 Emphysema 4-3 Chronic Bronchitis</p>	<p>CATEGORY 5 Cardiovascular Disorders 5-1 Myocardial Infarction 5-2 Valvular Disease 5-3 Angina Pectoris 5-4 Thrombophlebitis</p> <p>CATEGORY 6 Treatment Induced Disabilities 6-1 Radiation Therapy 6-2 Chemotherapy 6-3 Kidney Dialysis</p> <p>CATEGORY 7 Cognitive Disorders 7-1 Developmental Disabilities 7-2 Autism 7-3 Perceptual Disorders 7-4 Organic Brain Syndrome</p> <p>CATEGORY 8 Psychiatric Disorders 8-1 Chronic Mental Disabilities 8-2 Behavioral Disorders 8-3 Personality Disorders</p> <p>A person is not considered transportation handicapped if his/her sole disability or incapacity is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pregnancy2. Obesity3. Controlled Epilepsy4. Drug/Alcohol Dependency
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Please direct any questions relating to the Reduced Fare Program to
or TARTA's Information Line 419-243-7433 (RIDE)
(Please wait 14 days after sending application before inquiring)

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