



Reduced Fare Program Instructions

What has changed from past years?

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

1. **Obtaining Reduced Fare Cards will no longer be a face-to-face process**, easing security and health safety concerns for TARTA staff and customers alike. Upon completion, all applications will be mailed back to TARTA's admin offices or dropped off at our downtown Transit Hub for processing. Completed cards will be mailed back to the applicant or will be able to be picked up at the Hub or our admin offices.
2. **Reduced Fare Cards will no longer have photos on them.**
3. **Reduced Fare Cards Applications will no longer need to be signed by a licensed medical professional.** Instead, TARTA will be asking each applicant to certify the validity of their application.
4. **Reduced Fare Cards will be free.** We will, however, charge \$5.00 for replacement cards if they are lost.

Eligibility:

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

- Seniors (65 and over)
- Persons with disabilities
- Medicare card holders
- Youth ages 6 -18 years old that meet the eligibility requirements
- Veterans
- Active-duty military (including Reserves or National Guard)

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 send a copy, as original will NOT be returned)
 - 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 or VA Card
 - d) 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.
2. **Mail application and copies to:** **OR** **Drop off applications and copies at:**
Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority
Attn: Reduced Fare Applications
1127 W. Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43610
TARTA Transit Hub (after August 1, 2022)
612 N. Huron Street (corner of Cherry St.)
OR
TARTA Station Office (Fixed Route #20)
1127 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, Ohio

Applications will take 7 to 10 business days to process. Completed Reduced Fare Cards will be sent one of the following ways determined by the applicant:

- Via mail (please add 3 business days to the process)
- Pick up at one of the following locations - you will be asked for a photo ID:
TARTA Transit Hub
612 N. Huron Street & Cherry St.
Toledo, Ohio
TARTA Station Office (Fixed Route #20)
1127 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, Ohio



For Office Use Only	
___ Approved	___ Disapproved
___ New	___ Renewal ___ Replacement
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 request to receive my Reduced Fare Card by the following method. Please check only one(1) :

- Mailed to address I have given in the above section
- To be picked up at TARTA's Transit Hub (612 N. Huron and Cherry Streets)
- To be picked up at TARTA's Station Office (1127 N. Central Ave.) Fixed Route #20

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 the legal guardian for the applicant aged 6 -18 years old named in above section
- 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 Disabled Person:

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 <u>not</u> considered transportation handicapped if his/her sole disability or incapacity is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pregnancy 2. Obesity 3. Controlled Epilepsy 4. 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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