LUMMI NATION

2026 BASIC NEEDS WINTER DISTRIBUTION

Frequently Asked Questions | Updated October 29, 2026

For distribution questions, email LIBCDistribution@lummi-nsn.gov (preferred) or call 360-312-2046.

1. When and where is the community distribution?

Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Silver Reef Casino Events Center. The 8:00–10:00 a.m. period on both days is reserved for elders age 55 and older.

2. Who qualifies for the $1,000 Basic Needs Distribution?

Lummi Nation members on the December 1, 2026 enrollment list qualify regardless of age, subject to verification. Those who are eligible to enroll by December 31, 2026 but were not enrolled by December 1 may qualify after enrollment, through the final paperwork deadline of March 31, 2027.

- Members turning 18 by December 1, 2026 use the adult application.
- Members under age 18 as of December 1, 2026 use the minors application, completed by a parent or legal guardian.

3. Is there a separate application for elders?

No. Adults and elders use the same online application. Members who reach age 55 by December 31, 2026 may also qualify for the additional $750 Elder Distribution. The adult application includes the elder certification; a second survey is not required. Eligibility and payment methods are verified before payment.

4. When is the additional Elder Distribution?

The additional $750 Elder Distribution is scheduled for November 17–18, 2026. The $1,000 Basic Needs Distribution and the additional Elder Distribution have different event dates. Refer to official distribution instructions for the specific elder-event location, pickup arrangements, and whether payments can be combined; those details are not confirmed in this FAQ.

5. Where are the online applications?

The 2026 adult/elder and minors applications opened October 29, 2026. Adult/elder application: use the link in the official Lummi Nation distribution announcement or www.lummi-nsn.gov.

Minors application: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2WV9DW

6. Can I register several minors in one application?

Yes. A parent or legal guardian may register up to six minors in one online submission. If registering more than six, complete another submission for the remaining minors. This is a six-minor limit per application, not a limit on the number of children in a family.

7. What is needed to register a minor?

The minors application asks for each child's name, enrollment number, date of birth, Tribal ID and an identifying photo, plus proof of parental or legal-guardian authority. The parent or guardian must also submit the identification photo requested in the survey. Follow the precise upload instructions shown in the application; missing or unreadable documents can delay review.

8. Can I request direct deposit?

Direct deposit is an adult/elder payment option, subject to completed authorization and account verification. The confirmed submission deadline is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026. The tribal member must be an account owner; eligible joint accounts are acceptable. Required bank verification includes an official account document such as a voided check or bank letter. A new authorization is required for each annual distribution. Approved direct deposits are scheduled for November 25, 2026, not guaranteed before bank processing.

9. What if I cannot attend and want my distribution mailed?

Select the mailing option in the applicable adult/elder or minors application and provide accurate mailing information. Preparation for mailed checks and gift cards begins December 4, 2026. December 4 is NOT a guaranteed mailing or delivery date. Allow time for eligibility checks, preparation and postal delivery.

10. What is Express Pickup?

Express Pickup / Express Lane is the advance registration choice for eligible adults and for parents or guardians collecting minors' gift cards during the December 2–3 event. Online Express registration closes MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026 at 6:00 a.m. Those collecting minors' cards must meet the survey's identification and signature requirements. Registering in advance does not remove eligibility or identity verification.

11. May someone else pick up my check or gift card?

For distribution checks, the applicable in-person Authorization to Release (ATR) process requires completed paperwork and notarization. The authorized person must bring the required documents and identification. ATR forms are available in person, not online. For minors or special circumstances, contact the Distribution Office for instructions rather than assuming an adult check authorization works for every case.

12. Can I pick up a check later at LIBC Main Administration?

No. After-event check pickup at LIBC Main Administration is not available. If you will miss the event, use the appropriate mailing or other available payment option and follow published instructions.

13. What if I am incarcerated?

People incarcerated in Whatcom County should work with the Public Defender's Office regarding the intake and Authorization to Release forms. Those incarcerated outside Whatcom County may request that the required forms be mailed to them. Contact the Distribution Office for instructions.

14. What is the final paperwork deadline?

Completed, proper paperwork must be RECEIVED by March 31, 2027. Requests received after that deadline will not be accepted. The deadline concerns paperwork receipt, not a promise that payment will arrive by that date.

15. How can I get help?

Please review this FAQ and the application instructions first. Email LIBCDistribution@lummi-nsn.gov whenever possible. Phone: 360-312-2046. For sensitive identification or banking documentation, use only the submission method specified in the application or official instructions; do not send sensitive account information in an ordinary inquiry email.