

Project DESERVE Application

This program provides assistance to current **Evergy** customers with active service in their name. Applications may be submitted by mail to Center of Hope Inc., P.O. Box 3237, Wichita, KS 67201; by fax (316) 267-7778; or by email ProjectDeserve@centerofhopeinc.org. Online registration is available at centerofhopeinc.org. **Please see page 3 for other important information and requirements.** Assistance is determined on the basis of need, subject to the availability of funds. If you have any questions, you can call us at 316-219-2121. **To be eligible for this program, a member of your household must be at least 65 years old or disabled or your total household income must be below the following income limits.**

☐ **65 Years or Older or receives permanent disability income from SSI or SSD**

OR

☐ **Meets the income guidelines below**

*If approved, you will be assisted with the amount due on your account at the time of review, **up to \$300.***

*If approved, you will be assisted with the amount due on your bill at time of review, **up to \$100.***

Household information

List **all** members of your household. Your utility bill **must** be in the name of an adult living in the household. Begin on line 1 with the account holder's name. *Please print*

Name (First, MI, Last) (For all in household)	Last four digits Social Security # (Adults only)	Sex M or F	Age
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Household	Net Income (not including food stamps)	
	Annual	Month
1	\$20,345	\$1,695.42
2	\$27,495	\$2,291.25
3	\$34,645	\$2,887.08
4	\$41,795	\$3,482.92
5	\$48,945	\$4,078.75
6	\$56,095	\$4,674.58
7	\$63,245	\$5,270.42
8	\$70,395	\$5,866.25

Applicant's telephone: _____ **Applicant's email:** _____

Street address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **County** _____

Please indicate with a check (✓) why you need assistance with your bill:

☐ Not enough monthly income
 ☐ Loss of income
 ☐ Unusually high utility bill
 ☐ Unusually high medical bill
 ☐ Other

Please list the following information from your Evergy bill:

Evergy

Account number: _____

Total bill amount: _____

Expenditures

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	Amount paid in the last 30 days	Regular Monthly expenses
Rent		
Electric		
Gas		
Water		
Trash		
Cable		
Internet		
Phone		
Food		
Household		
Clothes		
Laundry		
Vehicle (payment)		
Vehicle insurance		
Gas/transportation		
Other insurance		
Credit card payments		
Pay day loan payments		
Student loan payments		
Other loan payments		
Child care		
Medical/hospital		
Tithes/contributions		
Cigarettes/alcohol		
Recreation		
Fines		
Other		
TOTAL *		

* **Total must agree with income**



Income

Name of person	Source	Amount received in last 30 days
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Food Savings	\$
Borrowed (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Payday loan	\$
	Total *	\$

* **Total must agree with expenditures**

IMPORTANT!

Please include ALL household income for all household members regardless of age or relationship.

Source examples include: employment, SSD, SSI, SS, TAF, unemployment, worker compensation, child support, alimony, pension, VA benefits, etc.

Each source requires official written verification.

Examples of verification include: paycheck stubs for most recent 30 days, letter from Social Security office (for current year), printout from DCF, printout from unemployment office, etc.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS – ONLY SEND COPIES. ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER REVIEW.

Please read the next page (p. 3) very carefully

Required Verification (Very Important!!)

To have your application for assistance considered you must provide **COPIES** of the following:

- Current verification for each source of income in your household for the most recent 30 days
- Current Evergy utility bill
- One other document with your name at this address included on it -something other than your Evergy bill

DO NOT include originals as they will not be returned to you. All documents will be destroyed after review.

Be sure to sign and date the application below

Notification Information

You will be notified, in writing, of our decision at the end of the month by mail. Please return completed application and verification using one of the following:

Fax: (316) 267-7778
Email: ProjectDeserve@centerofhopeinc.org
Mail: Center of Hope Inc.
Project DESERVE
P.O. Box 3237
Wichita, KS 67201
Online: centerofhopeinc.org

READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

My signature below means that I understand and agree to all of the following:

- ✓ I understand it is my responsibility to provide current proof of all household income, a current copy of my utility bill and another monthly bill in my name to determine my eligibility.
- ✓ **I understand I need to continue making regular payments to my energy provider and that any Project DESERVE benefits which may be received do not take the place of my responsibility to pay the vendor.**
- ✓ I understand my eligibility will be determined under the Project DESERVE guidelines.
- ✓ **I understand this assistance is available only one time in a rolling 12-month period to those who demonstrate a financial need.**
- ✓ I authorize my utility provider to release my payment history and other information to Center of Hope Inc. I also authorize Center of Hope Inc. to release application information to my energy vendor.
- ✓ **I understand applications with incomplete information or verification will not be processed and will be destroyed.**
- ✓ I certify that all information I have provided is complete and accurate.

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Signature of adult household member

Date

Daytime phone number



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