

Farris Heritage Trust - Basic Support Assistance

Purpose

The Basic Support program provides **limited income support** to help eligible beneficiaries maintain financial stability during periods of hardship.

The program is intended to **assist recovery and independence**, not create dependency.

Eligibility

Eligibility may include:

- DNA-verified descendants age **25 or older**
- Individuals specifically named in the Trust instrument

Applicants must have filed a **U.S. federal tax return as “Single.”**

Income Standard

The Trust supplements income so that eligible beneficiaries reach at least the **Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** for a single individual.

The Trust **supplements income — it does not replace it.**

Duration

For most descendants:

Basic support is limited to a **maximum of five cumulative years.**

Named priority beneficiaries identified in the Trust may receive support for longer periods if provided by the Trust instrument.

Required Documentation

Applicants must provide:

- Federal income tax return (Form 1040)
 - Supporting income documents (W-2, 1099, SSA-1099, etc.)
 - Documentation of public assistance if applicable
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Payment Principles

The Trust functions as a **payer of last resort.**

All other income sources must be applied first.

Payments are normally made **after verification of income documentation**.

Fraud Prevention

Providing false or misleading information may result in:

- permanent loss of benefits
 - recovery of funds
 - possible legal action
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Application

Applications must be submitted during the **annual claim period** using the official claim form.
