

Storm Shelter Program FAQ's

Program Restrictions:

- Storm shelters are awarded **one time only per household** at their Primary Residence in order to meet the needs of all Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens. If you own multiple homes, you are only eligible at your primary residence.
- If Applicant lives in a mobile home, they must own both the mobile home itself and the land it is located on to be eligible.
- Apartment complexes, duplexes, and other multi-family residences are not eligible for this program. If you live in a rent home, you are not eligible for this program.
- If you previously installed a storm shelter, it does not qualify for retroactive eligibility.
- Applicants cannot have a delinquent status, be in default, or have an outstanding debt owned with the MCN Housing Department.

Preference:

Selection for the Storm Shelter Program **will not** be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A point-preference system will be utilized, with points assigned for each category an **Applicant qualifies for**. All citizens may apply but the point system allows for special consideration of those Muscogee (Creek) citizens who may be of higher risk of safety concern. A preference point will be awarded for each of the following conditions:

- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Elder citizens 65 years and older. Additional point for citizen 75 years of age and older.
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens who are handicapped and/or disabled (must provide sufficient medical documentation identifying the restriction or limitation, not just the diagnosis.)
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens providing caregiver services to a disabled or elderly Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen also residing in the home with the caregiving homeowner. (Proof of disability/elder status and citizenship of dependent required)
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation veteran citizens (must provide official proof of discharge: DD 214 or NGB 22 Form)
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens who reside in rural areas defined as outside of city limits or in townships with a population of 3,000 or less.
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens who reside in mobile homes.

Q: I have a mortgage on my home will I still qualify?

A: Yes, as long as you show proof your name is on the deed.

Q: If I currently have a storm shelter and it is damaged will the program fix it or if not, can I still apply?

A: Our program will not fix existing storm shelters but if you are eligible you may still apply.

Q: If I have a working storm shelter but have an ambulatory disability can I apply for an above-ground storm shelter?

A: Yes.

Q: If I live outside the MCN jurisdictional boundaries do I qualify?

A: No, you must live within the MCN jurisdictional boundaries.

Q: Can I use the funds to supplement a different size/style of storm shelter I want?

A: No.

Q: Since I have multiple family members living with me or near me, can I request a bigger storm shelter?

A: No.