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CONROE CONNECTION HALF-FARE TRANSIT CARD PROGRAM

LONG-FORM APPLICATION

What is the Half-Fare Transit Card? The Half-Fare Transit Card allows a passenger to pay half of the full-price fare.

Who should complete the Long-Form Application? If you have an Eligible Disability but are NOT one of the following: 1) Age 65 or older; 2) a Medicare card holder; 3) a certified rider of the Conroe ADA paratransit service; 4) a student between the ages of 13 and 18; 5) receive Social Security Disability Income (SSDI); 6) receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or 7) have a disability under the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), **the applicant must complete and sign Part A of the Long-Form Application and your certified healthcare professional must complete and sign Part B.** (If you meet any of the above criteria #1 - #6 the Short-Form is recommended.)

Who is NOT eligible for a Half-Fare Transit Card? Persons whose sole incapacity is pregnancy, obesity, acute or chronic alcoholism or drug addiction, or who have a contagious disease are not eligible for the Half-Fare Transit Card. Financial need also is not a consideration.

How do I apply? Read the entire Long-Form Application and complete and sign Part A. Take the application to your licensed healthcare professional to complete Part B and provide their signature. Take the completed application to the Transportation Department (details below).

Do I need to answer all of the questions on the Application? Incomplete applications will not be processed.

How much time do I have to submit the Application? Applications must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the certified healthcare professional's signature.

What if I need assistance completing the Application? If you need assistance, call Joseph Bolletino, Conroe Connection Transportation Aide, at 936-522-3536.

Where do I apply? Bring the completed Long-Form Application and your valid government-issued ID to the Transportation Department at 202 Avenue A, Conroe, Texas 77301, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

How much does the Half-Fare Transit Card cost? The first Half-Fare Transit Card is free. Replacement cards cost \$5.00.

LONG-FORM APPLICATION FOR HALF-FARE TRANSIT CARD

PART A

Applicant Information and Release of Information (to be completed by Applicant).

Name (Last, First, MI): _____
 Street Address: _____ Apartment Number: _____
 City, State, ZIP Code: _____
 Phone: Home _____ Work _____
 Email: _____
 Age: _____
 Gender: Male ___ Female ___

I authorize the certified healthcare professional completing Part B of this application to release information about my disability to the City of Conroe/Conroe Connection. The information on this application will remain on file with the City of Conroe and is not subject to public review.

 Signature of Applicant, or signature of parent or guardian if under 18. Date

PART B

To be completed by a Certified Healthcare Professional

The information on this application will remain on file with the City of Conroe and is not subject to public review. This application must be submitted within 60 days of the date of the certified healthcare professional's signature below.

Name of Certified Healthcare Professional _____
 License Number and Issuing State: _____ Agency or Business Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Licensed Healthcare Professional Must Be One of the Following: (Check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Physician Specialty: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Audiologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Physician's Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Optometrist
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Nurse Practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Podiatrist
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Clinical Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed School Psychologist

I, _____, hereby certify that _____
 qualifies for half-fare under one or more eligible categories in Section A. Describe the Eligible Category
 creating a transportation disability (*Refer to list included in Section A below*): _____

Expected Duration of Applicant's Disability (Select one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (within one year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Term (Potential to improve)	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent (No potential to improve)

Signature of Certified Healthcare Professional: _____ Date: _____

Section A: Eligibility Disability Requirements for a Half-Fare Transit Card: The Half-fare transit card is restricted to persons who, because of age or physical or mental disability, are unable to use the fixed-route system as efficiently as a non-disabled person. Eligible categories that may qualify an individual for half-fare because of disability include the following:

- Non-ambulatory or Semi-ambulatory: Individual is unable to walk and requires the use of a mobility device (wheelchair, walker, crutches, leg brace, etc.)
- One or more missing limbs, or parts thereof
- Stroke resulting in substantial motor deficits
- Other neurological conditions that significantly interferes with coordination, strength, or endurance
- Muscular or skeletal conditions that significantly impair motor skills
- Blindness or vision that prevents him/her from obtaining a driver's license
- Deaf or Loss of Hearing of 90 decibels or greater in the 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz range
- Developmental or Learning Disabilities or Psychological impairment, if this results in a reduced capacity to use the fixed-route service without receiving special training or assistance
- Dialysis treatment
- Chronic progressive debilitating conditions

Exclusions: The following conditions will not qualify an individual for a Half-Fare Transit Card.

- Pregnancy
- Acute or chronic conditions due to alcohol or drug use
- Contagious diseases
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation
- Financial need