

NILES DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION  
**REGIONAL REDUCED FARE CARD APPLICATION**

To qualify for reduced transit fare an individual must either have a disability OR be 60 years or older.  
**All applicants must provide a Photo ID and complete Part A.**

**Part A: GENERAL INFORMATION** *All applicants must complete this portion & provide Photo ID.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a personal care attendant (PCA)\* to travel with you?  Yes  No  Sometimes  
*\*See reverse side*

Do you use a mobility device?  Yes  No If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B: SENIOR CERTIFICATION** Must be 60 Years or Older

Proof of age verified by: (Check one)

- Birth Certificate  Passport  Driver's License  State ID

**STOP HERE If you are over the age of 60 with a valid ID.**

**Part C: DISABILITY CERTIFICATION**

Do you receive Medicare, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Veterans Administration (VA) Disability?  Yes  No

Provide photocopy proof of Medicare or SSI/SSDI/VA forms along with your photo ID.

**STOP HERE If you have any of these forms of verification.**

**DISABILITY CERTIFICATION by HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**

*If you do not fall into one of the above categories, the following must be completed and signed by a healthcare professional. Please see reverse side.*

Printed Name of Agency and Provider : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in general terms the disability which would qualify the applicant for reduced rates. *(Please attach letter on agency letterhead if additional space is needed)*

Is Disability:  Permanent  Temporary *If temporary, please indicate length of disability \_\_\_ months \_\_\_ years*

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

See Reverse Side

# REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT REGIONAL REDUCED FARE CARD

Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties

## Instructions

Complete this application and locate your photo ID and any other required documents (i.e., Medicare card, SSI paperwork, etc.). Contact the DART office at 269-684-5150, ext. 4 to set up an appointment to process your application. Rides to and from the office to complete the RRFC process are available at no cost.

Riders age 60 and over only need to bring a photo ID. Riders who qualify for reduced fare because of a disability will need additional documentation and should read the information below regarding disability eligibility.

## Disability Eligibility

Persons with disabilities are defined by the Federal Transit Administration as persons “who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including any individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capabilities), cannot use effectively, without special facilities, planning, or design, mass transportation service or a mass transportation facility.”

## Exclusions

Persons whose sole incapacity is pregnancy, obesity, acute or chronic alcoholism or drug addiction, and/or contagious disease which poses a danger to other passengers are not eligible for reduced fare.

## Personal Care Attendants

Personal Care Attendants (PCA), also known as caregivers, are individuals whose assistance is needed by a rider with a disability to travel. Any rider who needs assistance getting to the curb to board the bus, extra help while riding, or assistance getting into his/her destination will need to make arrangements for a PCA to travel with him/her. Bus drivers are not able to provide this assistance or leave the vehicle unattended to enter a building.

PCAs ride for free but must be picked up and dropped off at the same location as the rider. Riders travelling with a PCA should tell the dispatcher when reserving the ride.

Riders may also ride with companions. Companions may be friends or family members, but they are not PCAs. Guests and companions must pay the regular fare for their trip. Riders travelling with a companion should tell the dispatcher when reserving the ride.

## Healthcare Professional Certification

Riders who do not have Medicare, SSI/SSDI, or VA forms will need to have their application certified by a healthcare professional. Examples of licensed/certified health care professionals include those who are familiar with the applicant’s disability and are licensed or certified in their field, such as Medical Doctor, Licensed Social Worker, Psychologist or Psychiatrist (etc.).

## Statement of Truth

I agree that the statements made about my age and/or disability and all other information that relates to my eligibility for reduced fare is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not withheld any information. Permission is hereby granted to Niles DART to contact any sources necessary to establish the accuracy of information given by me or other information that pertains to the verification of my eligibility to receive reduced fares based on my disability. I understand that my application will be denied if the information provided is found to be untrue.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_