

Wilkin County Blue Taxi Tickets Program

Effective 1/1/2023

Purpose: To ensure eligible residents receive transportation services to meet their basic needs. It is the expectation that residents utilize the Express Transit Alternative bus Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm for \$1.00 per ride.



Blue Taxi Ticket Eligibility:

- Wilkin County resident
- Over 65 years of age and pay on a sliding fee based on adjusted income guidelines of 100% of federal poverty guidelines **or**;
- Certified Disabled **or**;
- Other clients working with Wilkin County as part of a case plan; **AND**
- Complete an application and provide supporting documentation that may include but is not limited to a photo ID, a Social Security finding of disability, a letter from a case manager/care coordinator, and/or tax return.

Procedure:

- Applications will be processed by a Wilkin County staff member who will sign off to certify eligibility. If the sliding fee scale changes, a new application will need to be completed by a person 65 years of age and older.
- A list of qualified recipients will be maintained by the Coordinator on Aging and Office Support staff.
- The qualified recipient's name will be placed on each taxi ticket by a Wilkin County employee.
- Tickets are not transferable.
- Misuse of taxi tickets may result in a loss of privilege to use this program.
 - Taxi rides are limited to/from home address, grocery store/dollar store/Wal-Mart/hardware stores, banks, hair appointments, senior citizen centers, government offices, work, church, Medicare medical appointment where transportation cannot be arranged by your provider.

Residents understand that their ability to use this program is dependent on following the program guidelines. If a resident violates the guidelines for this program, they will lose their ability to buy/use blue taxi tickets. It is the resident's responsibility to only request a ride to approved locations.

Red River Taxi is used to transport residents in the Breckenridge and Wahpeton Area. All rides in the Breckenridge and Wahpeton area are managed through the taxi. The taxi service is responsible for completing the date and location on each ticket and only transporting residents to allowed locations. Incomplete tickets or trips to ineligible locations will not be eligible for payment to the Taxi Company.

Eligibility

- Residents who are Certified Disabled or who have an approved case plan may purchase blue taxi tickets for the cost \$20 per book of 10 tickets, \$2 for each ticket. There is a limit of 2 books per month unless pre-approved by a Case Manager/Care Coordinator for a very limited time.

OR

- Residents 65 years of age and older may purchase taxi tickets on a sliding fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines. There is a limit of 2 books per month.

Taxi Tickets cost the County \$8 per ticket – \$80 per book.

Adjusted Gross Household Income	Must pay this % of the cost of tickets based on 100% of poverty	*Cost per ticket	Cost for book of 10
0-\$13,590	25%	\$2	\$20
\$13,591-\$18,310	25%	\$2	\$20
\$18,311-\$23,030	25%	\$2	\$20
\$23,031-\$27,750	30%	\$2	\$20
\$27,751-\$32,470	40%	\$3	\$30
\$32,471-\$37,190	50%	\$4	\$40
\$37,191-\$41,910	60%	\$5	\$50
\$41,911-\$46,630	70%	\$6	\$60
\$46,631-\$51,350	80%	\$6	\$60
\$51,351-\$56,070	90%	\$7	\$70
\$56,071-over	100%	\$8	\$80

****Sliding fee cost per ticket is adjusted to the nearest dollar.***

The sliding fee will be adjusted at the beginning of the calendar year after the poverty guidelines are adjusted. Exp.: If the poverty guidelines are adjusted July 1st the sliding fee scale will be adjusted January 1st of the next year.

Cost per book may be adjusted based on contracted rate with the taxi company.

Cash or check will be accepted as payment. A fee will be charged for any check returned as insufficient funds and checks will no longer be accepted from that person.

Eligible residents must be able to independently get to the taxi and in and out of the taxi, and independently ride to and from destinations.

Refund will only be issued if the resident passes away or is unable to use the program and will not participate in the Taxi ticket program moving forward.

Once a month, the Coordinator on Aging will sell taxi tickets at York Manor, Park Manor, Appletree Court, and The Twin Town Villa.

Tickets are available at the Wilkin County Health & Human Services Building, 227 N 6th Street, Breckenridge during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.