

## ELDER RESPONSE INITIATIVE



*For The Struggle's Eco-Senior Program reduces energy costs for seniors on fixed incomes while simultaneously addressing environmental injustices in historically and predominantly black communities. In doing so the Eco-Senior Program offers the following services: Weatherization, installation of low-flow water fixtures, led lighting, appliance upgrades, installation of smart thermostats and more.*

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### THE PROCESS:

#### **Step 1: Submit Your Application**

To be eligible for FTS's Eco-Senior Program you must submit a completed application along with supporting documents for pre-approval. Supporting documents include:

- Proof of income for all household residents 18+ (Two months of recent paystubs or current year's SSI benefits letter and/or retirement benefits letter)
- Two months of your most recent bank statements
- Current Homeowner's Declarations Page
- Current mortgage statement (if applicable)
- Signed declaration that you will continue to live in the home for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Signed declaration that you will provide monthly utility bills 12 months after becoming a FTS Eco-Senior.

- Last three months of utility bills (electric, gas and water)
- Annual income of \$41,300 or less

An FTS intake specialist will help you through the process of preparing your application and supporting documents and will submit the application on your behalf and work with you throughout the process. For more information, please call 704-800-6628.

### **Step 2. Application Assessment**

Once your application and supporting documents are received, your application will be assessed to ensure your household meets all criteria necessary for your participation in FTS's Eco-Senior Program. If all criteria are met then you are considered pre-approved.

### **Step 3. Home Visit**

An FTS representative will conduct a home visit to assess your needs and to discuss the details of the program, expectations, and answer any questions or concerns. At this meeting, you will also sign a release and waiver form and any additional contracts or forms required. You will also receive a tentative timeline regarding upgrades.

### **Step 4. Upgrades**

Upon FTS's approval of the costs to perform upgrades at your home, such work will be scheduled to begin.

### **Step 5. Follow Up Visit**

A FTS Representative will do a follow up visit to discuss your upgrades and to obtain a statement from you regarding the upgrades and how they have helped your use and enjoyment of your home.

### **Step 6. 12-Month Testation Period**

To be eligible for this program, you are required to submit a copy of your utility bills for 12 months after your upgrades are complete. This required documentation will serve as data for FTS to assess as we work towards our mission to not only create environmentally friendly homes, but address environmental injustices in historically and predominantly black communities and reduce utility bills for seniors in our network.

# Eco-Senior Application

## **PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION** *Military Veteran/Active duty?* *Disabled?*

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Last Name First Name MI

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth Primary Phone Number

Marital Status: Married Separated Widowed Unmarried

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Email address

## **SECONDARY APPLICANT INFORMATION** *Military Veteran/Active duty?* *Disabled?*

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Last Name First Name MI

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Date of Birth Primary Phone Number

## **HOME INFORMATION**

Type of House: Single Family Manufactured Condo Multi-family

Year built: \_\_\_\_\_ Year moved in: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Mortgage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Monthly Water Bill \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Monthly Electric Bill \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average Monthly Gas Bill \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Property Taxes Current?  Yes  No Mortgage current?  Yes  No

Active Homeowner's Insurance Policy?  Yes  No

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

**Name                      Date of Birth                      Relationship to Applicant                      Employer**

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**ECO-FRIENDLY UPGRADES**

Please check the items below that need upgrades:

Weatherization       Installation of Low-Flow Fixtures       LED Lighting

Appliance Upgrades       Installation of Smart Thermostats

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please share how these upgrades will help your quality of life.**

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**(Signature of Applicant)**

Date

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**(Signature of Additional Applicants/Residents)**

Date

My signature indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms above and that I am of legal age and am freely signing this agreement. My signature further indicates that I declare and swear that if I receive eco-friendly upgrades, I will reside in my home for a minimum of five (5) years upon completion of such upgrades. If I sell my home prior to five (5) years after the date of completion, I understand and agree that I shall reimburse For The Struggle, Inc. for the costs of upgrades.

My signature further indicates that all of the information for the duration of the application process provided to For The Struggle, Inc. is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false and/or misleading information may be grounds for rejection of my application and termination of my participation in For The Struggle, Inc.'s Eco-Senior Program at any time without explanation. I further understand that my completion of this application is in no way a guarantee that I will receive assistance from For The Struggle, Inc.

My signature further indicates that I declare and swear that I will provide copies of my monthly water, electric and gas bills to For The Struggle, Inc. for 12 months after I become an eco-senior.