



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Desiderata
By Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amidst the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its shams, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful.

Strive to be happy.

Merry Christmas!









PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
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AVAILABILITY OF LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDS

The **OUACHITA MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.** announces the availability of an allocation of funds dedicated to assist eligible low-income households with their energy payments through the **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**. An eligible household is one whose total income is at or below the levels listed in the table below. Income eligible applicants may only receive one LIHEAP benefit each season: Heating (November 15 - March 15); Cooling (April 1 – September 30). Income eligible applicants who have received a **DISCONNECT NOTICE** and who have not received assistance for a **DISCONNECT NOTICE** in the prior **12-months** may apply for Crisis (October 1 – September 30).

Applicants must provide, at a minimum, the following documentation at the time the application is taken: (1) Copies of each household member’s social security card, (2) Proof of income of all household members, (3) a copy of an Entergy and Atmos bill if applicable (must be within the last 6 months), (4) a valid photo I.D. of the applicant, (5) a current lease agreement, (6) utility allowance verification, and (7) current food stamp, child support, and/or FT/AP printout. If it is determined additional documentation is required the applicant will be notified at the time of application. Households reporting **ZERO INCOME** must provide additional documentation. All information provided is subject to verification. Intentional misrepresentation of information may result in criminal prosecution of the applicant and anyone assisting in the misrepresentation.

All applications are taken; with appointments; on a first come, first served basis. If you have a **DISCONNECT NOTICE** or your service has been terminated (**CRISIS**), you may call **318-322-7151** to schedule an appointment. If you do not have a **DISCONNECT NOTICE** and your service is active (**NON-CRISIS**), you may call **318-322-7151** as well. We will begin scheduling Crisis and Non-Crisis Heating appointments on Monday, December 28, 2020. These appointment lists are conditional, based on available funds; therefore, there is no guarantee you will be given an appointment to complete an application. We serve customers beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Please note, that in all services from LIHEAP, it is “first come, first serve” until the funds are distributed.

2021 LIHEAP 60% Estimated State Median Income Levels

Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Month)
1	\$2,066
2	\$2,702
3	\$3,338
4	\$3,973
5	\$4,609
6	\$5,245
7	\$5,364
8	\$5,483
9	\$5,602
10	\$5,722

Ouachita Parish has received funds for the **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**. These are 100% federal funds. Non-governmental sources finance 0% of these funds.

HEATING: \$462,964-- COOLING: \$694,446-- CRISIS: \$185,186

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