



## Program Guidelines for 2023

### ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants must have **current eligibility with the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)** and be prepared to provide proof.
- Applicants may, but are not required to, receive a service from Aspire of WNY.
- This is an **income and resource-based program** for people currently eligible for OPWDD services.
- Applicants must answer household membership and income questions on the application.
- Only submit applications for individuals/families that could not provide holiday gifts without this assistance.
- Applicant's family members can be included in the application. However, they must live under the same roof as the applicant.
- Spirit of Giving will use the "2023 Poverty Guidelines: 48 Contiguous States" from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to assist in determining eligibility, which can be found on their website.

### GIFT REQUESTS

- Applicants and family members of applicants eligible to receive services from OPWDD AND 21 years old or younger will be prompted to provide gift suggestions.
- All applicants over age 22 and family members of applicants who are not eligible to receive services from OPWDD and are over age 22 will receive gift cards and be prompted to provide gift card suggestions.
- Clothing and related materials (shoes, hats, gloves, etc.) will not be considered for gift requests. However, if clothing is needed for the household, that can be marked on the application, and we will put you in touch with Aspire of WNY's ADAPT! Fashions program to align you with resources.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- **Applications must be completed online at [www.aspirewny.org/spirit-of-giving](http://www.aspirewny.org/spirit-of-giving)**  
No paper applications will be accepted.
- Applications may be submitted by the Care Coordinator, family, or other involved person. However, the submitter will be responsible for arranging the pickup and delivery of any gifts or materials for the family or individual for whom they submitted the application.
- **IMPORTANT:** Aspire of WNY works to support as many people as possible through the Spirit of Giving program. **However, support from this program is not guaranteed.** Application submitters will be contacted to confirm program acceptance after the application portion of the program closes.

**All applications must be received by Aspire of WNY  
no later than November 3rd, 2023.**

**Questions?**

Please email [spiritofgiving@aspirewny.org](mailto:spiritofgiving@aspirewny.org)

