

# The Emergency Food Assistance Program

## Written Notice of Beneficiary Rights

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Name of TEFAP Staff Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*You have the following rights when you participate in TEFAP.*

1. We may not discriminate against you on the basis of religion or religious belief; a refusal to hold a religious belief; or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
2. We may not require you to attend or participate in any explicitly religious activities that we offer. Your participation in these activities must be purely voluntary.
3. We must separate, in time or location, any privately funded, explicitly religious activities from activities supported with USDA direct assistance.
4. If you object to the religious character of our organization, we must make reasonable efforts to identify and refer you to an alternate provider to which you have no objection. We cannot guarantee, however, that in every instance, an alternate provider will be available.
5. You may report violations of these protections (including denials of services or benefits) to TDA at [www.Squaremeals.org](http://www.Squaremeals.org).

**Contact TDA at:** Commodity Operations 877-TEX-MEAL (877-839-6325)  
[CommodityOperations@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CommodityOperations@TexasAgriculture.gov)

*Federal regulations require this written notice before participants receive TEFAP services.*

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