



2020 Christmas Assistance

The Salvation Army partners with 13 NewsNow, Joy Fund, MyTVZ and the United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots to provide Christmas assistance to families in need each year.

If you reside in the cities listed and are experiencing a financial hardship this year, please review the information below to learn more about how you can apply for 2020 Christmas help for your children ages birth through 12.

COVID-19 will bring significant changes to the way that The Salvation Army hosts its Christmas distribution efforts this year including both application and distribution efforts.

Service Area

The Hampton Roads Area Command and Portsmouth offices serve the cities of:

- Norfolk
- Virginia Beach
- Chesapeake
- Portsmouth

Child Eligibility

Please only apply for children fitting the following criteria:

- Born on or after 12/1/2007 (ages birth-12)
- Under your legal custody. *If you are not the biological parent, The Salvation Army will require documentation of your legal custody.*

Apply Online

Online applications will be accepted between September 14 – October 9, 2020.

- **E-mail Required-** Make sure you have an e-mail address before attempting to apply! You can get one free through Gmail, Outlook or Yahoo.
- **Document Preparation-** You will be asked to upload images of your picture ID, proof of address (if different from ID) and children's birth certificate while applying online. Have these documents on hand (or as a picture in your phone/computer) before you begin your application.
- **Application Site-** Start the application process at rescuechristmas757.org. Select "Register" then choose your city/zip from the next page to link to the application site in your area.

Carefully read site instructions and carefully follow directions to ensure your application is submitted properly