



**Eligibility and Registration Form
Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities
(PWD) Program**

- ⊕ Reduced fare transportation may be available to you if you are:
 1. A person with a disability and
 2. you are between the ages of 18 and 64 and
 3. you need transportation in locations more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile off the MCTA fixed route.

- ⊕ If you would like to apply for this program, please complete this form and return it with the WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY FORM (attached) to:

*Monroe County Transportation Authority
"Pocono Pony"
ATTN: PWD Program
PO Box 339
Scotrun, PA 18355*

- ⊕ Once your application is received, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of your eligibility status within 15 business days.

- ⊕ If you have questions about the program or need this form in alternate format, **(large print)** please call: **570-839-6282**.
**Este formulario también puede ser solicitado en Español.*

Note: The information provided in this application regarding your disability will be used to determine your eligibility for reduced fare transportation services under the PWD program. Other information within the form will be used for data collection purposes to determine your eligibility for any additional transportation programs and to provide you with the appropriate type of service. This information will be kept confidential and used only by professionals involved in evaluating your eligibility and assessing the program for future recommendations. **(Please print clearly.)**

Part 1: General Information

Date of Application: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Mailing Address: _____ APT # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone # Home: _____ Work: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____

Please provide physical address if different from mailing address:

Please provide clear instructions to your home (mandatory)

Do you have a disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition below? Yes _____ No _____

Definition of Disability under the Americans with Disability Act.

Eligibility for this program is based on disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act. (ADA). According to the ADA, “Disability means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.”

“Major life activities” means functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and work.”

Part 2: Written Verification of a disability

Attached written verification of disability is required.

1. PLEASE HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONS COMPLETE THE ATTACHED WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY FORM.

- _____ Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- _____ Current proof of Social Security Disability Insurance, (SSI) or (SSDI)
(Must be coded "HA" meaning disabled at top right of SS form)
- _____ Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services
- _____ Center for Independent Living (CIL)
- _____ Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program (MH-MR)
- _____ United Cerebral Palsy
- _____ Registered Physical/Occupational Therapist
- _____ Physician
- _____ Registered Nurse
- _____ PA Attendant Care Program
- _____ Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities
- _____ Other _____

2. YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENT FROM THE ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS LISTED:

- Driver's License/State Photo ID
- Birth Certificate (MUST HAVE SEAL)
- Passport/Naturalization Papers
- Armed Forces Discharge Papers
- Veteran's ID Card(Must Show DOB on Card)
- Resident Alien Card

NO OTHER FORM OF PROOF OF AGE ID WILL BE ACCEPTED

Part 3: Information to Serve you Better

1. Is your disability permanent? Yes_____ No_____
 Standard definition of a permanent disability is one that lasts 12 months or longer.

2. If **NO**, how long is it expected to last? _____

3. What is the nature of your disability? (Check those that apply)

_____ *Mobility Disability*

_____ *Vision Disability*

_____ *Hearing Disability*

_____ *Cognitive Disability*

_____ *Mental Disability*

_____ *Other* (Please Specify): _____

4. Please check all mobility aids that you currently use

_____ *Manual Wheelchair* _____ *Crutches* _____ *Other*

_____ *Power Wheelchair* _____ *Cane*

_____ *Motorized Scooter* _____ *Walker*

5. Do you require services from a personal care attendant or escort when you travel?

Yes_____ No_____

(An escort is necessary when a person is **NOT** able to board and disembark independently and/ or **NEEDS** assistance during the course of the trip.)

Describe your need for assistance if applicable: _____

Part 4: Avoiding Duplication of Transportation Services

Transportation services provided under the PWD program are NOT to be provided in place of any current transportation services that you already receive.

To help us serve you better, do you currently receive transportation services or any other services from the providers listed below? Yes_____ No_____ (Please check all that apply.)

- _____ Senior Citizens Shared-Ride Transportation Program
- _____ Area Agency on the Aging
- _____ Medical Assistance Transportation Program
- _____ Americans with Disability Act. Paratransit
- _____ Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR)
- _____ Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- _____ Group Home where you live
- _____ Other (Please Specify)_____

Part 5: Income and Household Related Data

Passenger income related data is being collected to help develop demographics on our riders. It may also help to determine eligibility for other funded transportation programs. **Please note, Income will NOT be used to determine eligibility for the PWD.**

Please check the appropriate space in each column:

<u>Annual Income</u>		<u>Household Size</u>
_____ Less than \$10,000	_____ \$45,001-\$50,000	_____ 1
_____ \$15,001-\$20,000	_____ \$50,001-\$55,000	_____ 2
_____ \$20,001-\$25,000	_____ \$55,001-\$60,000	_____ 3
_____ \$25,001-\$30,000	_____ \$60,000+	_____ 4
_____ \$30,001-\$35,000		_____ 5
_____ \$35,001-\$40,000		_____ 6
_____ \$40,001-\$45,000		_____ 7
		_____ 8+

Part 6: Release of Information and Your Certification of Application

A) I give my permission to Monroe County Transit Authority; “Pocono Pony” to contact either the physician or other service organization, I selected in Part 2, for verification of my disability should any additional information be needed.

Yes_____ No_____

X_____

Your Signature (or signature of your representative) Date

B) I give my permission to Monroe County Transit Authority; “Pocono Pony” to contact the Monroe County Assistance Office or other organizations to determine eligibility for other transportation program funding.

Yes_____ No_____

X_____

Your Signature (or signature of your representative) Date

C) I understand that the purpose of this application is to determine if I am eligible to participate in the PWD program. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

X_____

Your Signature (or signature of your representative) Date

Please print name of person who completed this form (self or representative) Date