

How To Apply for Food Stamps

Here's A Checklist To Help You Get Your Food Stamp Benefits

Check off the information you need to bring with you. (Some things may not apply to you or your family.) You should bring original documents and we will copy them.

✓ You must prove who you say you are. For example:

- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- Old Food Stamp ID
- School Photo ID
- Work Photo ID

✓ You must have the Social Security Number for all household members.

✓ You must prove where you live (unless you are homeless). For example:

- Current rent receipt (with landlord's name & phone number, your mailing address, and amount of rent)
- Current rental assistance (HUD) agreement
- Current mortgage statement and/or tax bill
- Current lease

✓ If you are not able to work, for medical reasons, you must provide a doctor's note.

✓ If you are not a U.S. citizen, you need a current I-94 or current I-551 (green card).

✓ Resources: If you have any of the following, you must provide records, statements or proof of their current value:

- Bank account (savings/checking)
- Vehicle(s) registration (car, truck, boat motorcycle)
- Savings bond
- Trust fund
- Money in a credit union
- Christmas Club
- IRA, Keogh or other investments
- Property Deed

To apply, contact your
County Board of Social Services.
(See listing on reverse side.)

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✓ Income: You must verify the source, amount, and how often you receive it.

___ **Earned Income:** your last four (4) pay stubs, showing gross wages and deductions. If you are self-employed, use last year's tax records.

___ **Unearned Income:**

- Copy of check (SSI, SSA, VA disability) or copy of award letter
- Copy of unemployment compensation
- Copy of social security/pension
- Copy of interest statement from bank savings account
- Letter from employer stating amount of private disability
- Child Support - copy of court order or letter from absent parent
- Signed/dated letter from provider of any money you receive on a regular basis
- Property Deed

✓ Expenses: What you pay each month.

- Rent receipt
- Mortgage statement
- Home Owner's Insurance (if not included in your mortgage)
- Gas/Electric bill
- Phone bill
- Water/Sewer bill
- Coal/Wood/Oil bills

✓ Medical Bills (those you pay on a regular basis): This information is needed only for those people over age 60 or people who are disabled.

✓ Child Care: If you are paying for child care so you can work, go to job training or look for a job, you need a signed and dated letter from your child care provider with the following information:

- Name of child care provider
- Hourly fee
- Number of hours per week they provide child care

✓ Child Support: If you are under a court order to pay child support and you are paying it, you need proof of the following:

- Who you pay
- Child(ren)'s name(s)
- Court order number