

ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Eligibility

Those Eligible:

- Individual living alone or individual living with others but eating separately
- Parents, minor children, and adult children under 22 (must be included in their parents' assistance group) living in same household
- Income is under 130% Federal Poverty Level Guidelines
- Non-citizens who have lived in the US for more than 5 years

Not Eligible:

- Non-citizens who have lived in the US under 5 years
- Intentional program violators
- Social security failure
- Failure to cooperate with JOBS
- Parole violator or fleeing felony
- Children in foster care
- Individuals in public institutions
- Strikers
- Ineligible students

What SNAP Benefits Can Buy

Can Buy: Fruits and Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dairy Products, Breads, Cereals, other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages, seeds and plants that will produce food for the household to eat

Cannot Buy: Beer, Wine, Liquor, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Vitamins, Medicine, Supplements, prepared foods for immediate consumption (such as ready to eat wrap, pre-made salad, warm rotisserie chicken), hot foods, nonfood items such as paper products, household supplies, hygiene items, cosmetics, and petfood

Income

Individuals must be under the 130% Federal Poverty Level and then a budget is completed to determine the amount of SNAP allotted. (Gross monthly income of 130% of the federal poverty level)

130% Federal Poverty Level for:

Families of 1: \$1,396	Families of 5: \$3,363
Families of 2: \$1,888	Families of 6: \$3,855
Families of 3: \$2,379	Families of 7: \$4,347
Families of 4: \$2,871	Families of 8: \$4,839

Student Exemption

Individuals enrolled in an institution of higher learning at least half time are considered ineligible for SNAP benefits unless they meet one of the following Student Exemptions:

- 17 years or younger or 50 years or older
- Enrolled fulltime and single parent with a child under 12 years of age
- Eligible for work study
- Expected Family Contribution of Zero
- Physically or mentally unfit to work
- Ohio Works First recipient

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- Enrolled through Ohio Works
- Employed or self-employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week and paid
- Participating in On The Job training
- Care of a child between 6-11 years old and adequate childcare is unavailable

How to Apply

All applications are to be processed within 30 days from the date the agency receives the application. Paper and electronic applications are screened, and appointments are scheduled for SNAP. The intake interviews are completed by phone. Each eligibility program is typically a one-year certification period and will require a reapplication within the 11th month of certification. Adults in a household who are considered able-bodied adults without dependents may be subject to work, education, or training requirements to receive SNAP benefits.

Paper Applications: [JFS SNAP Form 7200](#). Print the application from the website. Complete all information. Submit completed application in mail to 1641 Payne Ave Ste. 520 Cleveland OH 44114.



Phone Applications: Call 844.640.6446 Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.

Web Portal Applications: benefits.ohio.gov. Click Apply Now option.

Verification Documentation

Criteria of Eligibility	How can it be verified?
Household Composition/Eating Arrangements	Can be self-declared and only requires a written statement if conflicting information found
Age, Citizenship, Identity	Birth certificate, State ID/Driver License, US Passport, crib cards for newborns, school records for minor children
Non-Citizenship Status - if applicable	Immigration documents
Earned or unearned income	Paystubs, employer statements, award letters, w2s, 1099s, etc.
School enrollment and attendance - if applicable, for adults	School documents (student schedule or unofficial transcript)
Residency/address	Piece of received mail, utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement
Shelter expenses - non mandatory deduction	Lease agreement/mortgage statement - must be provided to include expense in SNAP budget
Utility allowance - non mandatory deduction	Gas, Electric, Phone, Water, Trash, oil, propane, etc. - Utility Bill must be provided to include expense in SNAP budget
Medical Expenses - non mandatory deduction	One time or ongoing medical expenses for disabled individuals only. 1 st \$35 disregarded.
Disabled status	For work requirements and other eligibility criteria (aged, blind, or disabled status)